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PREFACE.

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PREFACE.

THE ensuing pages comprise the first portion of the earliest Register extant[1] belonging to the Episcopal Palatinate of Durham. It is commonly called "Kellawe's "Register," because it contains the proceedings of the prelacy, both lay and ecclesiastical, during the period Richard Kellawe presided over the see of Durham. Before, however, entering upon a description of the manuscript, it is necessary to give a brief sketch of the history of the Bishopric and Palatinate of Durham.

Kellawe's Register why so called.

The bishopric of Lindisfarne, out of which the see and palatinate of Durham arose, was created about the year 635 by Oswald, King of Northumbria; a district extending over that portion of modern England which lies between the Tyne and the Tees.

Sketch of the history of the bishopric and palatinate of Durham.

The kingdom of Northumbria was originally divided into the two districts or petty states of Bernicia and

Ancient kingdom of Northumbria.

[1] It might be called the earliest record of the Palatinate now known, as the original of the survey compiled in the year 1183, by order of bishop Hugh Pudsey, is no longer extant. Three copies of it, however, are now existing, and were probably made towards the close of the 14th century. A fourth is said to be in the collection of manuscripts belonging to Lord Ashburnham, and to have been made as early as the year 1300; if this statement be correct, then the Ashburnham copy of Pudsey's Survey is about 11 years older than Kellawe's Register; but the age of the Ashburnham manuscript is very questionable, and his lordship's refusal to allow it to be inspected prevents the possibility of its age being tested at present. (See Greenwell's preface to the Boldon Book, p. ix.)

Deira, separated from each other by the river Tees,[1] Bernicia extending northward to the Forth, Deira southward to the Humber. These two states were, however, united into one kingdom through marriage and usurpation by Ethelric, the Bernician sovereign, towards the end of the sixth century, probably about the year 590.[2] Ethelfrith, his son who succeeded him in 593, was defeated and slain in 615, by Eadwine, his brother-in-law, who, having driven Ethelfrith's sons into exile, became, by usurpation, King of the united dominions of Bernicia and Deira.

Upon the death of Eadwine and his two sons in 633, the sons of Ethelfrith returned to their own country; Eanfrith, the eldest, occupying the throne of Bernicia, of which he was the true heir as lineal representative of Ida, while Yffi, the second son, held that of Deira; but of which he was speedily dispossessed and slain by Osric, son of Elfric the uncle of Eadwine. He, in his turn, was shortly afterwards slain by Ceadwalla, who, for about one year, reigned over both provinces of the Northumbrians. Oswald, the third son of Ethelfrith, who had during his exile embraced the Christian reli-

Oswald becomes king of Northumbria.

[1] On this subject see a very interesting paper, entitled "Durham "before the Conquest," by Mr. W. H. D. Longstaffe, printed in a volume, entitled "Memoirs chiefly "illustrative of the History and "Antiquities of Northumberland," communicated to the Archæological Institute held at Newcastle-upon-Tyne in 1852.—Lond., Bell and Daldy, 1858.

[2] It is not necessary for the present purpose to enter into a discussion relative to the several ancient Northumbrian kings. Four authorities give the names of seven sovereigns who ruled in Bernicia, but Nennius reckons but six. During the same period Ælla is said to have governed in Deira. It was in his reign, as Beda affirms, that Pope Gregory the Great, touched with pity by the abject appearance of some British slaves, inquired who they were; and on being told that they were *Angli* of the province of Deira, subjects of King Ælla, made a triple pun by saying these *Angles*, so like *Angels*, must be saved (*de ira*) from the wrath to come, and taught to sing *Allaluiah*. Hence Northumbria may be said to have been the means of bringing Christianity into England.

gion, obtained Deira by his victory over Ceadwalla, and on the murder of Eanfrith, his eldest brother, in 634, assumed also the sovereignty of Bernicia, and thus became King of Northumbria.

His endeavour to introduce Christianity into Northumbria.

One of the first acts of Oswald, after his acquisition of the kingdom of Northumbria, was to introduce Christianity among his people. To effect this, he applied to the monks of Iona,[1] by whom he had been instructed in the doctrines of the Christian faith, and besought their aid in the good work he had in contemplation.

Ill-success of Corman, the first missionary.

Corman, the first missionary whom the Scots sent to Oswald, although remarkable for his gravity and great learning, proved unequal to the task, and, after a fruitless year of toil and travel, returned to his monastery apparently mortified and disappointed. This failure, however, did not damp the zeal of Oswald. His spirit rebelled against ruling pagan subjects, while his ardour convinced him that the mild precepts of Christianity would soften their barbarism and subdue their truculent tendencies. Like Constantine, he determined to fight

[1] In the middle of the sixth century Columba passed over from Ireland to Scotland, and, with the permission of King Connal, established a small colony of monks in the island of Hii, better known as Iona. These emigrants were for many centuries called the Culdees of Iona, and were ignorantly supposed to be a peculiar sect or order of monks; but Dr. Reeves, in his elaborate work, has fully exposed that error, and has incontrovertibly proved that the word Culdee is derived from the Celtic compound Célé De; the first, Célé, signifying "a servant," and the second, De, being the genitive of Dia, meaning, "of God." The word thus compounded is not, as is shown by Dr. Reeves, applicable to any *special* class of monks, but is applied to all religious orders indiscriminately, whether they be hermits, conventuals, regulars, or seculars. When, therefore, Columba and his disciples migrated from Ireland and settled in Iona, they did not go thither under the distinctive title of Culdees, meaning a peculiar class of monks, but as Culdees, signifying simply *servants of God;* or as the phrase is Latinized, "Servi Dei," or sometimes, "Cultores Dei." The reader desiring further information on this interesting subject is referred to the erudite work of Dr. Reeves on "The Culdees of the "British Islands, as they appear in "History," printed for the Royal Irish Academy, Dublin, 1864.

under the banner of the Cross.[1] Oswald despatched other messengers to Iona, and again craved for spiritual assistance; his efforts to advance his great undertaking were this time crowned with success.

Corman, in detailing to his sorrowing brethren his utter failure in making an impression on the people to whom he had been sent, painted in strong and vivid colours what seemed to him the cause of his want of success; "So deep is their ignorance," he said, "that they "are perfectly incapable of comprehending the saving "truths of the Gospel, and if even they had made a "greater progress in civilization, yet still their inveterate "habits would induce them to reject its controlling pre-"cepts with scorn and contempt." He desired to deter other missionaries from trying to effect what he himself had not been able to accomplish; but Aidan, a young and thoughtful priest, a member of the community, was not satisfied with Corman's narrative. He expressed his belief that the failure of the mission to Northumbria was not so much owing to the stupidity and barbarism of the inhabitants of that kingdom, as to unskilfulness and want of proper management in the teacher. He analyzed, with such truth and justice, the plan which Corman had pursued, as to convince his brethren that the missionary

Aidan undertakes the mission.

[1] Ostenditur autem usque hodie, et in magna veneratione habetur, locus ille, ubi venturus ad hanc pugnam Osuald signum Sanctæ Crucis erexit, ac flexis genibus Dominum deprecatus est, ut in tanta rerum necessitate suis cultoribus cœlesti succurreret auxilio. Denique fertur, quia facta citato opere cruce, ac fovea præparata, in qua statui deberet, ipse fide fervens hanc arripuerit, ac foveæ imposuerit, atque utraque manu erectam tenuerit, donec adgesto a militibus pulvere, terræ figeretur; et hoc facto, elata in altum voce, cuncto exercitui proclamaverit, "Flectamus "omnes genua, et Dominum Om-"nipotentem vivum ac verum in "commune deprecemur, ut nos ab "hoste superbo ac feroce sua mise-"ratione defendat; scit enim Ipse "quia justa pro salute gentis nostræ "bella suscepimus." Fecerunt omnes ut jusserat, sic, incipiente diluculo, in hostem progressi, juxta meritum suæ fidei, victoria potiti sunt. Beda, III., c. 2, "Monumenta Hist. "Brit."

had not exercised the degree of discretion and patience which was required for such a momentous change. He urged that harshness and severity were not the weapons to overcome the ignorant; that their Divine Master made his converts through gentleness and love; that the people, though grown to man's estate, should have been instructed as children, and not treated as ignorant barbarians. He concluded his address by proposing that a person of milder disposition and gentler manners should be sent. All the inmates of the monastery were moved by Aidan's eloquence. Hope and confidence sprang into their desponding hearts, and they urged him with tears and fervent intercession to undertake the great and arduous cause of converting the heathens from their idolatry to the true belief. Such entreaties were irresistible. Burning with the zeal of an apostle, and confident of success, he accepted the responsible mission; having duly qualified himself by consecration, he hastened into Northumbria to commence his episcopal functions.

He chooses Lindisfarne as the site of his church.

King Oswald joyfully received him, and permitted him to choose the place where he would erect his temple to the Lord. Aidan was not long in deciding. He had been nurtured at Iona, known as "the Island of the "Waves." Rocks and sea were the constant and familiar objects of his sight. Their grandeur subdued his soul, and yet raised his aspirations on high. He loved the tempest and the waves, remembering Him "whose "way is in the sea." If he could not fix his chair upon an island like that he had quitted, he could at least select a spot which would daily remind him of the place where he so long had sojourned; and Lindisfarne was his choice.[1]

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[1] Lindisfarne (now called Holy Island) took its name from "Fahren," a German word signifying a place of retreat, and is situate off the coast of Islandshire. "It is twice a day "separated from the mainland by a "depth of five, and in spring-tides "of seven, feet of water, and twice "a day it is accessible on dry "ground. Its greatest distance "from the coast scarcely exceeds "two miles; but the pathway, at all

It was almost an island; twice a day, at least, it was belted by living waters, and, when the tide had receded, rocks and quicksands and shoals rendered it a safe retreat, where solitude, by those who desired it, might be indulged in without fear of disturbance. In addition to these recommendations, Lindisfarne was near Bamborough,[1] the place in which Oswald resided; this added greatly to Aidan's comfort, as the King had promised to be his fellow-labourer in tilling the sterile field of paganism, and rendering it productive of Christian fruit.

The rapid spread of Christianity in Northumbria.

Aidan, in the year 635, began his work of conversion with the sincerity and determination of a man having thorough reliance on himself, and inflexible belief in the doctrines he was enunciating. The great difficulty, with which he had to contend, was his ignorance of the language of the flock he was teaching;—for he spoke in the Scottish dialect—a fact which might have proved insuperable to his success, had he not, fortunately for himself, received the personal assistance of Oswald, who acted as interpreter of the fervent and convincing words he addressed to the people. Before Aidan's arrival there had been no emblem of Christianity in the whole province, save the one rude cross which Oswald had erected; but churches were soon constructed in several places, baptism was administered in open rivers and running streams; while the people flocked from all parts of the kingdom to listen to the glowing words of peace and salvation, which, as they dropped from the fervent lips of their spiritual guide, were brought down

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" times a precarious one, is con-
" siderably lengthened by pools
" and quicksands, which have upon
" too many occasions proved fatal
" even to the experienced traveller.
" During low water the intervening
" space presents a flat dreary ap-
" pearance, and, with the exception
" of the occasional whistle of a
" curlew, or the silver wing of a
" sea-mew sparkling in the sun,
" there is nothing to amuse either
" the ear or the eye." (Raine's North Durham, p. 51.)

[1] Bamborough is said to have been built by Ida, King of Northumbria, out of affection for his consort Bebba.

to the level of their understanding by the patient and truthful interpretation of their ruler.

Oswald was satisfied with the triumph of the preacher, and the success of his own enterprise in the propagation of the faith;[1] his people had become Christians, and he no longer governed pagan subjects. In his gratitude, he did not forget to supply land and money, with a bounteous hand, for the maintenance and support of the bishop and his ministers.

King Oswald's endowment of Lindisfarne.

His endowment was munificent. It consisted of three portions.—"The first was situated at the south of the "Tweed, extending from the mouth of that river along "the coast, to Warren-mouth, near Bamburgh, thence "following the course of the rivulet of Warren to its "source at Hebburn-Bell, and then taking a line north-"ward to the Tweed, so as to include the entire valley "of the Bremish and Till. The second lay to the north "of the Tweed, including the whole district between the "Edder, or Adder, and the Leader. The third lay to "the north of the Lammermuir Hills, extending from "their base to the river Esk, which discharges itself into "the Frith of Forth, at Musselburgh, near Edinburgh."[2]

Character of Aidan.

For 17 years Aidan presided over the Northumbrian Church. His piety, his learning, and his judgment, together with his acknowledged zeal for the interests of his religion, have been extolled by all ecclesiastical

[1] For a short time Paulinus, archbishop of York, exercised spiritual sway in Northumbria, under the protection of its sovereign Eadwine, whom he had converted to Christianity in the year 627. He does not, however, seem to have had any real success in that portion of the north, over which the see of Lindisfarne extended; but this might have arisen from his brief residence there, though other reasons have been assigned for his failure. At any rate it cannot be said that he planted Christianity in Northumbria; he may have made some converts there, but the palm of evangelizing it is due to Aidan, and to Aidan alone; nevertheless Paulinus will ever be reverently remembered as one of the earliest christianizers of the people in the north.

[2] History of Northumberland, by John Hodgson Hinde, Newcastle, 1857, p. 126.

writers, even by those who differed from him in points of discipline and church observance; but, had his services been less than they actually were, his name could never be obliterated from the fame-scroll of the Palatinate of Durham, nor ought it to be held less in reverence than that of the more celebrated Cuthbert. Indomitable courage, active zeal and self-sacrifice in the service of the Church, worldly wisdom in all worldly affairs, great tact and tenderness in his dealings with human nature, combined with considerable learning, were the characteristics of Aidan; while those of Cuthbert were confined to sanctity, asceticism, and self-sacrifice for his own peace of mind. These, however, must have been the strongly prominent features of Cuthbert's life, or they never would have established his name among the Saints of the world, and perpetuated his memory as being the immediate influencer of the destinies of those who were members of the church which he ruled. Pious affection and human skill, but not Divine interference, as was believed at the time, rendered his body, comparatively speaking, incorruptible;[1] it was this incorruptibleness which deluded the ignorant and superstitious into the belief that the spirit, which had inhabited that body, rewarded those who believed in his saintdom, and punished those who were indiscreet enough to doubt his perfection.

Compared with that of Cuthbert.

It is not necessary, for the object here in view, to enter into a history of the several prelates who successively occupied the chair of Lindisfarne, beyond mentioning their names. Those only will be specially

[1] Dr. Raine does not admit that the incorruptibleness of his body arose from its being embalmed previously to its interment, on the ground that embalming was not at that period known to the monks. He thinks that, as Cuthbert died advanced in years, and almost dried up with abstinence and mortification, ossification would ensue. If this were so, the body would last for centuries, quite as long as if it had been embalmed by the most experienced Egyptian, when the art of embalming was in its highest perfection.

noticed who were prominent in transferring the see to Durham, or in increasing its possessions and power.

Aidan's successors.

The immediate successor of Aidan was Finan, respecting whom nothing is requisite to be said, nor, indeed, of Colman, Tuda, and Eata, who immediately followed him: after the last named came Cuthbert, the great Saint of the north, to whose sanctity and austerity, rather than to his wisdom and acquirements, all the greatness, wealth, and renown of Durham are due.

Early history of Cuthbert.

Cuthbert is said to have been born of royal lineage, in Ireland; though this allegation has been disputed, and apparently with reason. In all probability he drew his first breath on the banks of the Leader, or Lauder, in Roxburghshire, where his parents are alleged to have been peasants, and he himself a shepherd. While tending his flock on the summit of a mountain near the river, being overcome with watching and fasting, he is said to have seen in a vision the ascent of Bishop Aidan into heaven. This vision, or rather dream, for it was nothing more, he construed into a call from God, and thereupon determined to forsake the pastoral life and devote himself wholly to the service of the Great Shepherd of the faithful in the cloisters of Melrose.[1] He made his vows before Eata, who was abbot of that house. Shortly afterwards, Cuthbert, in the capacity of hosteller, accompanied Eata to Ripon, to remodel the monastery, which had been founded there by Alcfrid, the son of Oswi. Neither Cuthbert nor Eata, how-

He becomes a monk at Melrose.

Goes to Ripon.

[1] The late Dr. Raine, in his valuable and truthful history of North Durham, remarks on the subject of Cuthbert's conversion,—"It is "perfectly possible that, in those "early days of primitive piety, a "youth in his teens might, under "some strong religious impression, "place himself in a situation with a "view of obtaining opportunities of "religious instruction, and more frequent instances of religious example. I am willing to believe "that Cuthbert might be actuated "by motives of this nature. At the "same time it must be remembered "that a monastery at that period "held out many temptations. Food "and clothing followed as a matter "of course, and bodily labour was "not allowed within its walls." P. 58.

ever, remained long at Ripon; they both, in the year 661, returned to Melrose. From Melrose they removed to Lindisfarne—Eata as abbot, and Cuthbert as prior —to instruct the brethren of that house in the rules and discipline introduced by Wilfrid.[1] After spending about twelve years as prior of the house at Lindisfarne, Cuthbert determined to carry out his long meditated design of becoming a recluse. He was one of those who considered seclusion meritorious, and "that the "surest way to gain a victory was to shun the contest." He chose for his solitude one of the small islets of Farne,[2] lying to the east of Lindisfarne—a more desolate spot cannot well be imagined—its turbulent and perilous seas making it almost inaccessible. There, with his own hands, he constructed a cell, the remains of which are still visible: but it is unnecessary to follow Cuthbert during his seclusion at Farne. "Here for nine years," says the authority below quoted, "he practised every "austerity which misguided zeal could impose," but a higher destiny awaited him, in the discharge of duties which he was called upon to fulfil.

Becomes Prior of Lindisfarne.

Becomes a recluse at Farne.

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[1] This celebrated man was born in Northumbria about the year 634, and educated at Lindisfarne: the monotony and solitude of the place, however, being unsuitable to his ambitious spirit, he determined to visit Rome. Accompanied by Benedict Biscop, he set out for the Eternal City in 652. His piety and earnestness attracted the notice of an archdeacon there, named Boniface, who taught him the rules and customs of the Roman Ritual, and showed him the correct way of observing Easter; all of which were opposed to the Scottish system in which he had been educated. Having secured the approbation and blessing of the Pope, Wilfrid left Rome for Lyons; there he received the tonsure, after the Roman fashion, from Dalfinus, who completed the conversion which Boniface had commenced. After an absence of five years, Wilfrid returned to England, and was speedily appointed chief of the monastery at Ripon, within the walls of which he introduced the Benedictine rule. The Scottish monks retired from the house rather than adopt the teaching of their new superior.

[2] "The Farne islands vary in "number from 15 to 25, according "to the state of the tide; there is "scarcely one of them, except Lin- "disfarne, upon which there is any "vegetation; they are chiefly naked "rocks." Raine, p. 339.

In the autumn of the year 684, Cuthbert's sanctity having become known from one end of Britain to the other, he was unanimously chosen as a bishop,[1] at a Synod presided over by Archbishop Theodore, in the presence of the King, at Twyford, on the banks of the Alne. The flattering intelligence was conveyed by special messengers to Cuthbert; but so great was his repugnance to be dragged from his retreat, and to accept the dignity to which he had been thus unexpectedly elected by unanimous assent, that the King himself, in company with his chief religious and noble men, sailed to the islet of Farne, and there, on bended knees, adjured him to consent to the cordial wishes of all. Resistance was in vain, each obstacle he put forward was removed, and he was constrained to bow his neck to the yoke of episcopacy which he affected to despise; and was reluctantly ordained at York, on Easter Day, the 28th of March in the year 685, bishop of Lindisfarne, in place of Hexham, as originally contemplated.

His fame causes him to be chosen bishop.

He chooses Lindisfarne instead of Hexham.

Cuthbert was not happy in his elevation; he hungered for retirement, and thirsted for solitude. Before two years of his episcopate had expired, he returned to his secluded hermitage at Farne. He was not, however, destined to remain there any length of time; for in two months, amid the severe austerities of his discipline, he ended his life of isolation on the 20th March 687; and has since become a source of spiritual life to thousands, who have devotedly believed in his sanctity. His especial request was to be buried in his cell at Farne, which he himself had erected; but the brethren of Lindisfarne removed his body to their own church, and buried it on the right side of the altar.

He leaves his episcopate and retires to Farne.

His death.

[1] He was elected to the vacant see of Hexham; but as he exhibited such a great disinclination to go thither, his heart clinging to the wild rocks and the sands of the tempestuous ocean, his wishes were consulted by the king and his prelates, and Eata, who was then bishop of Lindisfarne, was persuaded to give up Lindisfarne to Cuthbert and go himself to Hexham.

King Ecgfrid's donation.

So great was the respect and reverence entertained for him by King Ecgfrid that he added greatly to the possessions of the church over which Cuthbert had presided. His chief donation[1] was the vill of Craik, near

[1] A charter by Ecgfrid, king of Northumbria, recognizing the election of Cuthbert, and giving him, as endowment, Craik and Carlisle, stands upon record in the Second Register of Durham Cathedral, fol. 137, and a subjoined note states that the original document was lent to John de Kingston and Richard of Bernard Castle by the command of the prior. There can be no doubt that a donation of this nature was made; but one single anachronism out of many proves that the document above referred to is clearly a forgery. Raine's North Durham, p. 59, note (*a*).

The charter runs in these words, "In nomine Patris et Filii et Spiri- "tus Sancti, Amen. Anno Domi- "nicæ Incarnationis 685, congre- "gata synodo juxta fluvium Alne, "in loco qui dicitur Twyforth, cui "Theodorus archiepiscopus Do- "vernensis præsidebat; cum Cuth- "bertus, multis legatariis ac literis "ad se præmissis, nequaquam sua "insula posset eruì, tandem Ego "Egfridus, rex Northumbrorum, "cum Antistite Trumwine, et aliis "religiosis viris, insulam navigavi, "et invitum ad synodum pertraxi, "ubi omnium jussione episcopatus "officium suscipere compellitur. "Cui, et omnibus successoribus "suis, cum consilio Theodori archi- "episcopi et Trumwini, et totius "concilii, pro salute animæ meæ, "et omnium successorum meorum, "donavi villam quæ vocatur Creec, "et tria milliaria in circuitu ipsius "villæ. Donavi etiam civitatem "quæ vocatur Lugubalia, et in cir- "cuitu ejus quindecim milliaria, ut "hæc tam ipse quam successores "sui ad Dei servitium imperpetuum "habeant, ita sicut ego habui, libera "et quieta, et secundum suam volun- "tatem disponenda. Ego Theodo- "rus, archiepiscopus, subscripsi ✠. "Ego Bosa, episcopus, subscripsi "✠. Ego Cedde, Orientalium Sax- "onum episcopus, subscripsi ✠. "Ego Sexul, Merciorum episcopus, "subscripsi ✠. Ego Trumwine, "Pictorum episcopus, subscripsi ✠. "Ego Ceadda, Lichfeldensis episco- "pus, subscripsi ✠. Ego Eadhed "Lindissi episcopus, subscripsi ✠." "Hæc donatio scripta est tempore "Agathonis papæ anno ætatis regis "Egfridi quadragesimo, regni vero "ejus decimo quarto." (Printed in Kemble's "Codex Diplomaticus "Aevi Saxonici," tom. i., p. 29, and in Hutchinson's History of the County Palatine of Durham, vol. i., p. 30, ed., 1823.) To the experienced eye there appear many reasons for rejecting this charter. One anachronism alone proclaims it a forgery. Cuthbert was elected in the year 684, and yet it is witnessed by Cedde, Bishop of the East Saxons, who had been dead at least twenty years. Dr. Raine suggests that, as the document does not occur in the original chartulary of the church compiled about the year 1250, but only in the subsequent compilation made a century and half later, it must have

Easingwold, and all the country within a circuit of three miles; Carlisle, with a circuit of fifteen miles; Cartmel, with all its Britons and the vill of South Gedluit; Carham on the Tweed, and a mansion at York, with its grounds extending from the church of St. Peter to the city wall.

The cause of Cuthbert's popularity.

There can be no doubt that Cuthbert was inspired by religious devoutness to such an extent as to lead him into the grossest superstition. He must have believed that the more he mortified his flesh the more acceptable he would become to his Maker; whom he must have regarded in the light of one delighting in human misery and unnatural sacrifices, rather than as a God who loves his children, grieves at their shortcomings, and punishes with mercy. Although it must be admitted that through the name of Cuthbert much good has arisen to man, yet it should at the same time be remembered, that he did not set any great and shining example before the world; he did little beyond showing to what extent austerity [1] and privations might be carried, and had it not been for his biographers, who deluged the literature of the times with his miracles, his name would long since have been forgotten, although his body, like that of an Egyptian mummy, might have remained incorruptible. Fortunately for the celebrity of Cuthbert, a Saint was required for the Northumbrian church. The first four prelates

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been forged between those periods. Perhaps it owes its origin to Bishop Anthony Bek's desire to carry back the Palatinate to the earliest times, when he was producing his evidence before the Parliament in the time of Edward the First. The lands and tenements are given to Bishop Cuthbert and his successor to hold "sicut Ego [Egfridus] habui," *i.e.*, as fully and amply as the king himself held the same, which words, in the forger's mind, may perhaps have had reference to the origin of some of the palatinate rights.

[1] Dr. Raine, in his History of North Durham, p. 59, remarks: "St. Cuthbert continued for nine "years to practise every austerity "which misguided zeal could im-"pose."—"So constantly was he "upon his knees in prayer that a "long callosity extended from his "knees to the neighbourhood of his "feet."

who had preceded him were not popular at Rome. They had held heterodox opinions respecting the observance of Easter and the ecclesiastical tonsure. Cuthbert was the earliest northern bishop who had followed the teaching that Wilfrid had brought from the Eternal City, and was consequently acknowledged as the great saint of the North of England. Beda had already proclaimed him as a *Saint* for his miracles, though he had forgotten to relate his works as a bishop. It may have been Cuthbert's misfortune to have had unphilosophical biographers. "An injudicious advocate can at all times do "more harm than an avowed adversary."

Cuthbert's successors, and their acquisitions.

Cuthbert was followed successively by Eadberht,[1] Eadfrith,[2] and Ethelwold; of the first two nothing of

[1] Eadberht's name is connected with an interesting narrative concering the preservation of the body of Bishop Cuthbert. After Cuthbert had lain eleven years in his grave, where numerous miracles were said to have been performed, it was determined by the brethren to place his bones among the other relics belonging to the church; but to the astonishment of all, "instead of a skeleton, "they found an entire body, with "joints flexible and flesh so succu-"lent that there only wanted heat to "make his body live without a soul, "nay, the very funeral weeds were "so fresh as if putrefaction had not "dared to assail them." The monks, overjoyed at the discovery, hastened with a few of the grave-clothes to Eadberht, their bishop, who was spending his Lent in seclusion upon an adjacent island. "Clothe him "anew," said he, well aware of the importance of the discovery, "and "place him above ground in the "coffin which you have prepared." (Raine's North Durham, 66.)

[2] Of this bishop there remains to the present day a most extraordinary memorial, a book of the Four Gospels written with his own hand, before his accession to the see. Ethelwold, his successor, supplied the illuminations, Bilfrid bestowed upon it a cover of silver and gold, bedecked with precious stones, and Aldred, a priest, added an interlineary Dano-Saxon version with marginal notes. This book is now preserved in the British Museum. (MS. Cotton. Nero, D. iv.) It remained in the church of Lindisfarne until the monks were compelled by the Danes to flee from the island. During their flight it fell into the sea, and was some time afterwards found by its owners upon the coast,—at least so say the monks of Durham. In favour, however, of this statement, it may be remarked that the book at the present day bears a few stains which have been considered as marks of its immersion. To this prelate Beda dedicated his prose Life of Cuthbert.

importance in connexion with the present subject can be stated; but during the episcopate of Ethelwold, the possessions of the see were considerably augmented by King Ceolwulf previous to his abdication. He granted to Lindisfarne the towns of Warkworth and Brainshaugh, and the four vills of Woodchester, Whittingham, Edlingham, and Eglingham. It deserves to be remarked that, shortly after this donation, Ceolwulf, impelled by motives of religion, resigned the crown on the altar of Lindisfarne and assumed the habit of a monk; and it is certainly within the bounds of probability, that on this occasion he conferred on the see royal privileges and rights which may have been the commencement of the *jura regalia* of the Palatinate.

King Ceolwulf becomes a monk at Lindisfarne.

Cynewulf succeeded Ethelwold in 740, and held the bishopric to 780. Next to him came Higbald, during whose seat the first devastation of Lindisfarne by the Danes occurred in 793.

Cynewulf bishop of Lindisfarne.

Higbald's immediate successors were Ecgbert, Heathured, and Ecgfrid. It was during the episcopate of the latter that the possessions of the see were further increased by the donation of the two Jedworths, with a large tract of country in Tiviotdale, and the entire district between the Wear and the Tees, and within three miles to the south of the river last named. In the district south of the Wear, Ecgfrid founded the vills of Billingham within Hartness, Cliffe, and Wycliffe.[1] He also consecrated the churches of Woodchester, Whittingham, Edlingham, and Eglingham.

Higbald and his successors bishops of Lindisfarne, and further donations to the see.

Ecgfrid's successor was Eanbert, who died in 854, but concerning whom nothing material occurs that calls for

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[1] Dr. Raine, p. 70, states that Bishop Ecgfrid's first gift was the church of Norham, which he had built, and to which he had removed the remains of Ceolwulf, King of Northumbria. His next donation consisted of the villages of Ilecliff, Wycliffe, Billingham, and Gainford, with their respective territories.

mention. Eardulf followed him, and was consecrated in 855.

Danish invasions and ravages.

It was during the time that Eardulf occupied the see of Lindisfarne—about two years after the place had been nearly destroyed by the pagan invaders—that the see was again ravaged by another Danish invasion under the leadership of Halfdene, whose cruelties and merciless conduct are historically known. No clemency being expected from the lawless barbarian, Bishop Eardulf, by the advice of his brethren, determined not to await certain destruction, but to seek safety in flight, and carry with him the remains of Bishop Cuthbert, whom he and his monks considered as their patron Saint, specially watching over and protecting Lindisfarne. Collecting all their relics they fled in the year 875, scarcely knowing whither to go; thus abandoning the mother-church of the Bernicians, which had been the residence of so many of God's servants for about two hundred and forty years. Thus did Eardulf, the sixteenth bishop, become the last prelate of Lindisfarne, and the island fell rapidly into its primitive state of desolation. Men deserted it, and the birds of the ocean, its former inhabitants, took possession of the place where so many saints had lately dwelt.

Flight of Bishop Eardulf and his brethren from Lindisfarne with Cuthbert's remains.

Their wanderings with Cuthbert's body.

The wanderings of the devoted enthusiasts, with the body of Bishop Cuthbert, form a very touching episode in the history of the bishopric. Had they permitted the body to remain at Lindisfarne, and to be destroyed by Danish sacrilege, the greatness and celebrity of Durham would probably never have been achieved, and Oswald's foundation at Lindisfarne would have met with a similar fate to that of Wilfrid at Hexham.

Their journey must now be briefly related, as being connected with the rise of the Palatinate of Durham. It was their original design to carry the body of Cuthbert to Ireland, where he is said to have been born; for this purpose they crossed over into Cumberland, with the

intention to take ship in the haven at the mouth of the Derwent; they were driven back, however, by a storm, which they interpreted as signifying the displeasure of Cuthbert at the step they were taking. It was on this occasion that the book of the Gospels, mentioned at p. xxii, fell by chance into the sea, and was, after an interval of three days, found on the coast of Whithern, in Galloway, whither the wanderers had by that time arrived. Fearful of offending their Saint, they sought refuge in Galloway; and there they remained until the death of Halfdene. No longer fearing persecution they then ventured to return to the eastern district of Northumbria, though not to their former habitation at Lindisfarne. After wandering hither and thither[1] for a long time—nearly seven years—they came to Craik, which belonged to the see by the gift of King Ecgfrid, with the object that he might rest there whenever he came to, or returned from, York. The fugitives, however, remained at Craik only a few months, not finding it adapted to their purpose, and removed to Cuneceaster, or Chester-le-Street, which lies about six miles to the north of Durham.

Their return to Northumbria.

Make a short stay at Craik.

They go to Chester-le-Street.

At this time the province of Northumbria recognized as its sovereign Guthred, a Dane. He had been redeemed from servitude by Eadred, Abbot of Carlisle, and presented to the army by Bishop Eardulf, at Oswindun, not only as the rightful King, but as one professing the Christian faith.

Guthred, a Dane, becomes king of Northumbria.

Alfred, since known as the "Great," perhaps from political motives, acknowledged the new King as sovereign of Northumbria. The reception and the acknowledgment were both declared, according to the superstition of the period, if indeed not from selfish motives, to proceed

[1] If tradition may be believed, there are many places in the north of England and south of Scotland, which were honoured by a visit from the Saint. Wherever the body rested during the seven years' wanderings, there either a church or a chapel was erected and dedicated to Cuthbert to commemorate the fact.

from the mediation of the former bishop, Cuthbert; both Alfred and Guthred were persuaded that they had been individually benefited by his heavenly interference, and each monarch bore in mind the intervention of the popular Saint; Guthred, by bestowing upon the see the entire country between the Tyne and the Wear,[1] *cum jure regali;* and Alfred, by giving, with the assent of the whole people, all the land between the Tyne and the Tees, and by confirming Guthred's grant *cum regalitate.* At a general assembly it was also resolved, that if any one should give land to the church of St. Cuthbert, or if any land be purchased with the money of the see, the same should from that time be free, and no one should thenceforth presume to exercise over it any right of service or custom, the church possessing in perpetuity unbroken quiet and liberty therein. Here it may be remarked that this national declaration, that no one should thenceforth presume to exercise over the possessions of the see any right of service or custom, but that the church should possess, in perpetuity, unbroken quiet

His grant to the see, confirmed by Alfred the Great.

[1] It has been supposed by some writers that the donation was only of the locality between the Wear and the Tyne, but Symeon makes the territory granted on this occasion to be that between the Tees and the Tyne. No record of Guthred's grant or of Alfred's confirmation of it is now known, probably none was made, and the only corroboration of such a donation was entered in the cartulary of the monastery, which has long since perished. Though no charter of Guthred's donation or Alfred's confirmation is now extant, or recorded, yet the historian (Symeon of Durham) speaks plainly enough on the subject. "Terra quoque tota, "ex communi largitione duorum "Regum Guthredi et Aluredi, inter "duo flumina Tinam et Teisam, "una cum plenis legibus, liberta- "tibus, et consuetudinibus, Deo et "S. Cuthberto donata est. Atque "unanimi regum prædictorum et "totius populi sententia decretum "est, quod ex terra ab illis regibus, "eorum successoribus, vel aliis qui- "buscunque, S. Cuthberto donata, "vel ejus pecunia empta, nemo "deinceps, cujuscunque præemi- "nentiæ fuerit, cujuslibet servitii "aut consuetudinis sibi jus aliquod "usurpare audeat; sed ecclesia, "ejusque ministri, terras ejusmodi "inconcussas, quietas et liberas, "cum omnibus consuetudinibus, "perpetualiter possideant: omnes- "que qui ex his aliquod præsump- "serint infringere, perpetuo ana- "themati damnarunt."

and liberty therein, is apparently the first royal authorization of the Palatinate rights; but more on this subject in the sequel. The probable commencement of the Palatinate.

Guthred's benefactions did not end there; during the remainder of his life, he protected and enlarged the possessions of the church. Guthred protects the see.

Bishop Eardulf had no desire to return to the ungenial island of Lindisfarne; it was his wish, from personal considerations, to make Chester-le-Street the seat of his bishopric, to call himself Bishop of Chester, and to exercise spiritual authority over the whole district between the Tyne and the Wear, which Guthred's liberality had added to the endowment of the episcopate. Bishop Eardulf establishes the see at Chester-le-Street.

With the death of Guthred in 896, the Danish rule in Northumbria, for some time, ceased to exist, and the province came under the immediate protection of King Alfred and his descendants. Eardulf's successors at Chester-le-Street.

After the death of Eardulf, in 899, the bishop's seat continued at Chester until about the year 990; having been successively filled by Cutheard, Tilred, Wigred, Uhtred, Sexhelm, Ealdred, Elfsig, and Aldhune. Under the last-mentioned prelate, the body of Bishop Cuthbert was removed from Chester-le-Street, to avoid a threatened invasion of Northumbria by the Danes. It was carried to Ripon, in Yorkshire, for its protection; but it remained there only about four months. Peace having been restored, bishop Aldhune determined to convey the body back to Chester-le-Street; instead, however, of taking the course that would have led him to it, he took a rough and circuitous route that led to the east of the site of the present city of Durham. On reaching a hill called "Wrdelau," the vehicle, carrying the shrine in which was the uncorrupted body, could not be advanced further, owing to the badness of the way, or to some other cause left unexplained by the writer of the narrative of the transaction. This circumstance, however, was Bishop Aldhune removes the see from Chester-le-Street.

The cause which led to its establishment at Durham.

construed by the devoted brethren, in combination with a dream of one of the party, into a command from Cuthbert himself to carry his body to Dunholme, in the immediate neighbourhood of the place where it then was, and which was to be its final resting-place. Though Chester-le-Street was within a few miles only of Dunholme, yet the place was unknown to the bishop and his brethren, even by name. It was, however, discovered by chance.[1] The shrine having been removed thither with some difficulty, a temporary church of wood was hastily constructed to protect it from the weather, until a fitting edifice could be erected for its reception. A church of stone was accordingly commenced and finished, under the immediate superintendence of Bishop Aldhune, and the body of Cuthbert deposited therein with due solemnity on the 4th of September A.D. 998.[2]

The first church at Durham.

Cuthbert's body deposited therein.

Many were the donations and landed possessions which were bestowed upon the see on this occasion of its settlement at Durham. The most considerable benefaction seems to have been that conferred by Styr, the son of Ulf. He obtained permission of the King (Athelred) to grant Dearnington [Darlington], with its adjuncts, and lands in Coniscliffe, Cockerton, and Haughton, as also in Normanby; and his charter was solemnly confirmed at York, in the presence of the King, the Archbishop of the province, the Bishop of Durham, and the chief men of the kingdom. Besides Styr's princely gift, Snaculf, the son of Cykell, added a further donation of

Gifts to Durham.

[1] The tradition is, that the bishop found the place through a woman's inquiries after her cow which had strayed, she being told that she would find it at Dunholme. I am not aware that this story is recorded in any monastic writer; but the fact that a sculptured stone representing a cow occurs on the north wall of the chapel of the Nine Altars in the cathedral, shows that the tradition was believed when that part of the cathedral was erected.

[2] Three hundred and sixty-three years having elapsed between the foundation of the see at Lindisfarne and its final settlement at Durham by the completion of the church.

Brydbyrig [Bradbury], Mordun, Soecebury [Socburn], and Grisel[1] [Griseby].

On the death of Aldhune, Eadmund succeeded to Durham, in 1020, after the see had been void about three years, and his election was confirmed by King Cnut.

King Cnut's grant of possessions and privileges.

King Cnut, who also seems to have held the memory of Cuthbert in high and pious reverence, was not unmindful of the establishment dedicated to the great Saint of the North. He bestowed upon it, during this episcopate, the mansion of Staindrop, with all its appurtenances, viz., Cnapaton, Scotton, Raby, Wacarfield, Evenwood, Alclit, Luttrington, Eldon, Ingleton, Tichley, Middleton, and Brontun, with the privilege, that no persons, save those who served the Saint in his church, should interfere within those localities. This privilege, in conjunction with those previously given by Guthred, the former Danish King, King Alfred, King Edward, and King Edmund, certainly must have formed part of the foundation of those particular rights which have been enjoyed by the bishops of Durham as Lords Palatine.

Eadred succeeded Eadmund in 1041, Egelric in 1042, and Egelwin in 1056.

Copsi's donation

The next donation of any magnitude was that made by Copsi, during the episcopate of Egelwin. His gift was of the church of St. German's in Morescham, in Yorkshire, together with ten carucates and a half of land in that vill, two carucates of land in Thornton, ten bovates of land in Tucotes, half a carucate in Reddcar, and one carucate in Gisburham in perpetuity.

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[1] Although the see of Durham had been thus enriched under bishop Aldhune, yet it suffered considerably by oppression and abstraction during his time: for instance, Gainford, Snitterton, Sledwich, Bareford, Lyrtingtun, Marwood, Stainton, Cletlam, Langton, Morton, Persebridge, the two Aycliffes, Copley, Weardsette, Binchester, Cuthbertestun, Thickley, Escomb, Woodham, Hunwick, Newton, and Holme were given up by the bishop, under pressure, to the Earl of Northumberland for the purpose of enabling that nobleman to wage war against their common enemy the Danes.

Changes in Durham by the Norman Conquest.

The Norman Conquest, however, produced great changes in the bishopric of Durham. Copsi, who had acted as the *locum tenens* of Earl Tosti during his government of Northumberland, offered his services to King William, and they were eagerly accepted by that monarch. Copsi was one of the most distinguished of the English nobles; but, though he himself zealously espoused the Norman cause, his followers were opposed to the new government, and treacherously slew him at a banquet at Newburn. To punish the insurgents, King William hastened from Normandy, where he then was, and marched to the northern parts of the kingdom. On his approach, Egelwin, Bishop of Durham, who had been in the conspiracy against the King, determined to fly with the body of Cuthbert to Lindisfarne. The first night of the bishop's retreat was spent in the church of St. Paul, at Jarrow; the second at Bedlington; the third at Tughale: and on the fourth day he crossed to the island, where he remained for a short time. Upon tranquillity being restored, he returned with the body and deposited it, on the 8th of the kalends of April 1070, in its proper resting-place.

Bishop Egelwin.

In the sixteenth year of his episcopate, Egelwin, for some cause not satisfactorily explained by the Durham historian, absconded from his see, taking with him considerable treasure; but, being recognized in his flight, was arrested, and by the King's command committed to close imprisonment at Abingdon, where he died of grief and self-starvation. The see remained without a bishop for nearly a year, when Walcher, a native of Lorraien, was chosen by the King as bishop, and consecrated in the church of St. Cuthbert in 1072. This prelate not only watched over and protected the see, but he obtained from the King some very valuable possessions.[1] The King

[1] Hutchinson (i. 160), on the authority of Leland, states that the King restored Billingham, which had been forcibly withheld for many years, and gave to St. Cuthbert for ever Hoveden and also Waltham

also conferred upon him the management of the earldom of Northumberland,[1] after the arrest of Earl Waltheof.

The murder of Bishop Walcher.

Bishop Walcher, being of an unaspiring listless character, loving quietude, and detesting turbulence, permitted his officers, without check or restraint, to oppress his tenants and people. The general discontent which prevailed, amounting almost to rebellion, having reached the bishop's ears, he appointed a day and place at Gateshead to hear their complaints and redress their wrongs. The multitude, however, were too violent and impatient to wait for deliberation or justice: greatly outnumbering the bishop's retainers, who were quite unprepared for resistance, they fell suddenly upon them and massacred all without mercy. The bishop himself, who had taken refuge in the church there, was lanced to death with brutal ferocity, on the 14th of May 1080. After the murder of Bishop Walcher, the earldom of Northumberland was bestowed on Alberic, a Norman, who, proving unequal to the trust, quickly resigned it, and Geoffrey, Bishop of Coutances in Normandy succeeded to the earldom, but on his declining the honour, it was conferred on Robert de Mowbray.

William de St. Carileph bishop.

The see having remained void for about six months, the King chose William de St. Carileph, an abbot in Normandy, to be the new bishop, and he was accordingly consecrated on the 3rd of January 1081 in the presence of the sovereign and all the bishops of England.

His exile.

The friendship which the Conqueror evinced towards William de St. Carileph was for a time continued by William Rufus, who bestowed upon the see Alverton with

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with its noble monastery and church. In this reign, one Scot gave Aclam, Acleam, or Acley to the church, with its appendages. In the Appendix to the Hist. Dunelm. Scriptores Tres, p. i., Mr. Raine has printed the Charter from which Leland must have obtained his information.

[1] Ordericus Vitalis, however, affirms that Bishop Walcher obtained the earldom of the King by a large pecuniary offering at the royal Exchequer.

its adjuncts. Jealousy and rapacity on the part of the King, however, compelled the bishop, under a charge of treachery, to leave Durham and become an exile in Normandy. In that duchy he remained upwards of two years, performing, nevertheless, many services which were acceptable to the King; among those which he rendered being that of relieving one of the royal garrisons when on the point of capitulating. A permission to return to his bishopric, and the restoration of the property of which the see had been dispossessed by the King, was the reward for that important service. On returning to Durham, he ordered the cathedral built by Bishop Aldhune to be pulled down, although it had been built only ninety-eight years. In the ensuing year, 1093, he commenced the erection of a much larger and more noble fabric, considerable portions of which still remain, to gratify and astonish the spectator by its massive grandeur. Bishop William de St. Carileph died on the 3rd of January 1096, and after the church had remained about four years without a pastor, the King advanced Ranulph Flambard to the bishopric of Durham, one thousand marks being the price he paid the King for that promotion.

He returns and rebuilds the cathedral.

On the death of William Rufus, while hunting in the New Forest, Bishop Flambard, for certain malpractices, during the late King's reign, was seized by command of Henry I., the new King and closely imprisoned in the Tower of London. After remaining in custody for some time, he made his escape into Normandy, and placing himself under the protection of Duke Robert, the King's brother, was appointed to the vacant see of Lisieux, which he retained until he returned to England with Duke Robert, upon his invasion, for the purpose of dethroning King Henry. Among the articles of peace which were agreed upon between the two brothers, one was, the royal permission for Flambard to return to his diocese of Durham. His restoration was duly accom-

Bishop Flambard.

plished; but he never obtained the favour of the King, which he so much desired, though frequent and valuable were the gifts he presented to his offended sovereign to obtain his grace and good will. Ranulph Flambard died on the 5th September 1128, and the see remained void for nearly five years, the King appropriating its immense revenues to his own use.

Charters of Henry I. to the see.

Flambard, however, was successful in obtaining from the King a charter confirming the privileges of his franchise, and containing in particular an exemption from all county or hundred service, and from several species of temporal aid, together with an express allowance of the usual courts of justice.[1] The King also, by a second charter, restored to the see Burdon, Carleton, and Acliffe, which had been claimed by the people of Northumberland, and ratified the exclusive right of the prelate and his successors to all royal forests and chases between Tyne and Tees, in opposition to the claims of Balliol, Baron of Bywell, and others who had endeavoured to assert their privilege of hunting, and of taking wood for fuel and other purposes, within those liberties.

Geoffrey Rufus.

As a reward for his services, Geoffrey, surnamed "Rufus," the King's chancellor, was appointed to the vacant see,

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[1] Ego Henric' dei gra' rex Anglo' fil' magni regis Willelmi q' beate memorie regi Edwardo in regnū successit terras scil't Burdune et Carlentune et Heacliff quā hoi'es Norhūbrenses de comitatu esse dicentes sup' Sc'm Cuthbertū et Ranulfū ep'm calūpniabant deo et Sc'o Cuthberto et eccl'ie Dunelm'si et Rann' ep'o et om'ib' successorib' suis do q'etas et liberas p'petuo habendas sic' Sc'us Cuthbert' habet suas alias t'ras que p'tinent ad eccl'iam sua meli' q'etas. Preter hec eciam calūpniabant' Norhūbrenses Franci et Angli per cursum ad venandū in silvis Sc'i Cuthb'ti int' Teisā et Tinā. Et p' i° denario licere sibi hab'e ligna in silvis Sci' Cuthberti predicti quantz uno curru vehi potest p' annū. Calūpniabant' eciam p' i° num'o debē habere quā majorē eligerent arborē in eisdem silvis ad navē faciendā. Similit' eciā calūpniabant' consuetudines in aquis S'ci Cuthberti de Tina. Quas om's 'suetudines et earum calūpnias diracionavit advers' illos Ranulf' ep's in mea' et baronū meorū presencia. Et ego eas deo et Sc'o Cuthberto et eccl'ie Dunelm'si et Rannulfo ep'o et om'ib' successorib'

and consecrated on the 6th of August 1133.[1] At his death on the 6th of May 1140, William de St. Barbe succeeded, and having governed the see for nine years, died on the 14th of November 1152.

William de St. Barbe.

Hugh Pudsey.

The next Bishop of Durham was Hugh Pudsey, who has been erroneously supposed by some writers to have been the earliest prelate of Durham who ever exercised the rights of a Palatine, and to have obtained that pre-eminence under a charter from King Richard I.; but this supposition is entirely a misconception, as I shall presently show.

Pudsey was a secular priest and nephew of King Stephen, and was unanimously elected by the prior and convent. Their act was gravely censured by the metropolitan of York. They had presumed to choose a bishop without his consent, especially one more celebrated for his youth and personal appearance than for his virtues and theological knowledge. This want of canonical obedience was punished by anathema, and the excommunication of all persons concerned therein. The Pope's legate was appealed to, and absolution was granted on condition of the prior and convent submitting to the discipline of the rod within the precincts of the church

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suis om̄ino q'etas et liberas imp'petuū concedo. Hec donatio f'ca est anno ab incarnatione dn'i Mill'mo cix. in concilio toci' Anglie ap' Notinghā. Test' Th. archiep'o Eborac' et Ricardo Lundon ep'o, et Will' Exoniensi ep'o et Rodb' Cestr' ep'o et Herb' Norwic' ep'o et Herveio Eliensi ep'o et Gilb' abb' Westm' et Rodb' com' de Mell' et Will' de Waraen' et Gilb'to de Ag'la et Nig' de Alben' et Rodb' de Laceio et Unfr' de Bohun et Rodb' de Brus' et Geoffr' Ridel' et Alfr' de Lincoln.

[1] One of the most noticeable circumstances during the episcopate of Geoffrey Rufus was that of the bishops of Durham coining their own money. The bishops of Durham, neither before the Norman Conquest nor afterwards, until the reign of Stephen, had any mint, nor does it appear that any money whatever was coined in that city until that period. It may therefore be concluded that the episcopal mint at Durham had its commencement in the reign of this king, but whether by grant or usurpation it is not certain. (Mark Noble, "On the "Coinage of Durham.")

of Beverley.[1] An appeal was made to the Pope, which it is unnecessary here to dilate upon, but in the end Hugh Pudsey was consecrated at Rome, and enthroned at Durham on the 2nd of May 1154.

Charters of Henry II. to the see.

It is not important for the object in view to follow the episcopal career of Bishop Hugh. After the death of King Stephen, Henry the Second was favourably disposed towards Pudsey, and acknowledged him as his relative. He granted several charters to him, all confirming, and more or less acknowledging, the franchise of St. Cuthbert. Pudsey's purchase of Sadberge as an appendage of the franchise, as well as his temporary possession of the Earldom of Northumberland, will be presently discussed; but it would be unjust to his memory not to notice the survey he caused to be made of the ancient demesne lands and possessions of his bishopric, and which is known under the name of the "Boldon Buke." It contains inquisitions of the several tenures of lands, their sources, and customs, the tenants' names, how much each held, and what rents were reserved for the same. He died on the 3rd of March 1195, and was certainly one of the most eminent of the prelates who filled the palatinate chair of Durham.

The "Boldon Buke."

Pudsey's successors.

After Hugh Pudsey, Philip de Poitiers,[2] Richard de Marisco,[3] Richard le Poor,[4] Nicholas de Farnham, Walter

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[1] "In ecclesiæ liminibus singuli, "nudi, virgis sunt coram omnibus "cæsi."—Gaufr. Coldingham, p. 5.

[2] He obtained from King John a confirmation of the wapentake of Sadberge, of the vills of Cliff and Craik, and of the lands of the church in the counties of York and Lincoln. He exercised several acts of royal jurisdiction; confirming some of his predecessors' grants of land, and bestowing others.

[3] This prelate, who was also the King's chancellor, seems to have encroached upon the rights of the crown, and King Henry, in the 24th year of his reign, was constrained to desire his justices not to hold any pleas by the writ of the Bishop of Durham, his chancellor, "quali præ- "decessores sui temporibus præde- "cessorum nostrorum usi non fue- "runt, et quale ad ipsum non pertinet "jure episcopatus sui; et ne idem "episcopus utatur libertate aliqua, "in episcopatu suo qua præde- "cessores sui usi non fuerunt tem-

[*For note* [4] *see next page.*

de Kirkham, Robert de Stichell, and Robert de Lisle successively governed the see of Durham ; but as they did not materially add either to its possessions or its dignity, there is no necessity to do more than mention their names.

Anthony Bek.

To Robert de Lisle, the last named, Anthony Bek succeeded.

With the exception of Cardinal Wolsey, Bek was the most eminent prelate that ever filled the chair of Durham, and did more to extend and establish the Palatinate jurisdiction than any of his predecessors or successors ; I have therefore ventured to give a longer biographical notice of him than of any of his predecessors. So great was his power and influence with King Edward I. and his son, Edward II., that he was called by the writers of his day, "the haughty prelate of Durham."

His early history.

He was the second son of Walter Bek, Baron of Eresby, in Lincolnshire. The date of his birth has not been ascertained, or anything touching his education ; but there is evidence that he assumed the Cross in the year 1270, and accompanied Prince Edward to the Holy Land,[1] where a lasting friendship sprang up between them. The prince named him as one of his executors in the will which he made at Acre, in anticipation of his death in Syria.

On his return to England, in 1274, with Edward, who had then inherited the crown, Anthony Bek entered into Holy Orders.[2] As a consequence of this he was immediately appointed to a prebend in the church of

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" poribus antecessorum nostrorum " regum Angliæ, donec discussum " fuerit in curia nostra utrum hujus- " modi brevia et libertates pertineant " ad ipsum episcopum jure epis- " copatus sui, vel non."

[4] The most memorable act in connexion with Bishop Le Poor is the convention agreed upon between him and the convent of Durham in the year 1231. As it especially relates to the rights of the bishop in his temporal capacity, a full abstract of the document will be given, when discussing the bishop's Palatine rights.

[1] Pat. 54 Hen. 3, m. 33.

[2] Pat. 2 Edw. 1, m. 5 and 7.

Dublin, and to a canonry in the chapel of St. Clement in Pontefract castle.[1] It is said that Pope Gregory, by his bull, nominated him to the archdeaconry of Dorset,[2] to hold with the prebend thereunto attached, which Gerard de Grandison had resigned, on his promotion to the bishopric of Verdun. He also held the prebend of Ripon.[3] In the same year, 1275, Bek was advanced to the archdeaconry of Durham, and appointed chief assessor, in the county of Lincoln, of the fifteenth which had been granted to the King. So highly did Edward esteem the opinion of the archdeacon, that he placed him on the council, which sat in judgment, in 1276, on Gilbert de Clare, Earl of Gloucester, for claiming the castle and borough of Bristol. In the following year he was sent into Wales, as one of the English Commissioners, to draw up the articles of peace between King Edward and Llewelyn, Prince of Wales. On his return to Court, the King summoned Bek, in the capacity of royal secretary, to be present at the homage to be rendered in Parliament by Alexander, King of Scotland, on Michaelmas day, 1278. Afterwards he was sent to Gloucester on a matter of importance, as one of the King's councillors ; and in the capacity of the King's secretary and familiar clerk he was appointed to demand a subsidy from the clergy of the province of York and of the counties beyond the Trent, then assembled in the convocation at York. Besides the archdeaconry of Durham, Bek held prebendal stalls in the Cathedral of St Paul's London ; in addition to other church preferment. He was also appointed keeper of the King's

He becomes archdeacon of Durham.

[1] Pat. 2 Edw. 1, m. 12.

[2] Although the Papal Bull of Gregory, printed in the *Fœdera*, calls *Anthony* Bek Archdeacon of Dorset, yet I cannot but think that it is a mistake, and that *Thomas* Bek was intended ; for I have nowhere else found Anthony styled Archdeacon of Dorset, but I do find that Thomas is elsewhere so denominated. (*See* Rot. Pat. 1 Edw. 1, m. 34 ; Pat. 4 Edw. 1, m. 34 ; Pat. 5 Edw. 1, m. 15, and Pat. 8 Edw. 1, m. 12.)

[3] Reg. Wickwaine, f. 85 *b*.

wardrobe.[1] Anthony Bek, however, did not confine his services to secular and ecclesiastical affairs; he loved military power, having imbibed a taste for the exciting profession of arms during his sojourn in Syria; and his royal friend and patron, to gratify his military taste, appointed him Constable of the Tower of London, with a salary of 100*l.* per annum,[2] and permitted him to fortify his house at Somerton, in the county of Lincoln.[3] In 1282 he was appointed, with John de Vesci, joint ambassador to contract a marriage between the King of Aragon and the King's eldest daughter Alianor.[4] The wealth that Bek obtained from his various clerical and secular offices, to say nothing of what he inherited from his father, must have been prodigious;[5] as he alone defrayed the whole expenses of the canonization and translation of William Fitzherbert, Archbishop of York, who died in 1154, and whose remains were removed in solemn state from the nave of York Minster, near the south-west pillar of the lantern, to a nobler resting-place in the choir, on the 8th of January 1283. Bek's liberality produced a stirring effect upon the King and the ecclesiastics of the northern province. It was doubtless his object that it should, for it is said that he always had an ulterior view, even in his most trifling actions. Fortunately for his aspirations, Robert de Lisle, Bishop of Durham, died soon after this, and Bek, at the special request of the King, was elected, by the prior and convent, Bishop Robert's successor, on the 9th of July 1283, but apparently without the approbation of William Wickwaine, the Archbishop of York, who was then at variance with them, and displeased with Bek for the assistance he

His wealth and liberality.

Elected bishop of Durham.

[1] Pat. 2 Edw. 1, m. 5 and 7.

[2] Pat. 3 Edw. 1, m. 21; Fine, 3 Edw. 1, m. 36; Liberat. 4 Edw. 1, m. 3.

[3] Pat. 9 Edw. 1, m. 17.

[4] Pat. 10 Edw. 1, m. 18.

[5] His inherited and other property, independent of his income from the church, is said to have been five thousand marks annually, a sum equivalent to more than 60,000*l.* of the present currency.

had given them. Contrary therefore to his inclination, he was constrained by the King to consecrate Bek at York. The ceremony was performed on the 9th of January 1284, with great pomp, in the presence of the King, the Queen, and a large assemblage of peers of the realm.[1] Archbishop Wickwaine is said never to have forgiven the King for compelling him to perform the ceremony. So inveterate was he against the new Bishop of Durham, that, for the purpose of annoyance, he commanded him, in virtue of his obedience, to excommunicate the prior and the majority of the chapter; but Bek naturally made answer, "Yesterday I was conse-" crated their bishop, and shall I excommunicate them " to day? No profession of obedience shall induce me " to do this inconsistent act." This fearless answer did not allay the Archbishop's exasperation, although the King made various fruitless attempts to mitigate his wrath. Wickwaine sought and obtained his sovereign's permission to proceed to Rome, and lay his complaint against Bek at the feet of the Pope; but Bek scorned the threats of the angry prelate. He was conscious that he was a favourite at Rome, and so long as he retained the confidence of his King, he cared nothing for the anger of his intemperate primate. His vast wealth and extensive possessions, to say nothing of his influence with Edward, made him second to none in the realm among the spiritual and temporal peers. His counsel was courted by his sovereign, and his riches were ever ready at his demand; and whether as an

The Archbishop of York's enmity towards him.

Bek's great influence with King Edward

[1] He was not enthroned at Durham until Monday, the 24th of December 1285. The official of the Archbishop of York and the Prior of Durham disputed the right of performing the ceremony. Bek, however, determined the difficulty by declaring that he was unwilling, at such a solemn feast as his installation, there should be any discord respecting it: and as he did not desire that either party should gain the victory, he received the mitre from his brother Thomas Bek, Bishop of St. David's.

ambassador or a warrior, Edward knew he could always command the services of the Bishop of Durham.

Whatever matter of importance now ensued, whether relating to peace or to war, Anthony Bek was the chosen instrument to carry it out. In 1289, having been appointed Margaret of Norway's lieutenant in Scotland, as well as King Edward's proctor to treat with the King of Norway concerning the marriage of Prince Edward with Margaret, he agreed to pay 400*l.* a year to certain persons in Norway, until the princess should attain the age of fifteen years;[1] the King granting him several manors, the revenues of which were to compensate him for payment of the annuity.

His refusal to appear on a summons and the seizure of the palatinate into the King's hands.

Nothing will better show the great influence of Anthony Bek, than the proceeding of the Parliament which was held in the 21st year of his patron's reign. It had been enacted by the Statute of Gloucester, passed in 1278, that all sheriffs were to proclaim throughout their bailiwicks, that all prelates, earls, barons, and others, who claimed to have franchises by charter of the King's predecessors, or in any other manner, should come before the King's justices in eyre, and show what sort of franchises they claim to have, and by what warrant. If they who claimed such franchises came not at the time appointed, then their franchises were to be taken into the King's hands, by the sheriff of the place, in the name of distress. Bishop Bek, however, considered that a compliance with this ordinance was derogatory to his dignity of Lord Palatine, and declined to obey it; whereupon Hugh de Cressingham and his fellow justices in eyre in the county of Northumberland immediately put the law in execution, and seized the Bishop's franchise into the King's hands, in the name of distress. Bek was indignant at this act of the justices, and immediately appealed to the King and his council in Parlia-

[1] Pat. 18 Edw. 1, m. 8.

ment. He maintained that the justices had exceeded their power, and that they possessed no authority under the Statute of Gloucester to seize his franchise into the King's hands. He asserted that he and all his predecessors, Bishops of Durham, had time out of mind enjoyed and exercised royal rights, and had royal liberties, within his liberty of Durham, as well as in Sadberge, Bedlington, Darlington, and Norham, viz., a Chancellor and a Court of Chancery, with power to issue writs from the said Chancery, throughout the whole liberty and places aforesaid; that they had always appointed their own justices, sheriffs, coroners, and other officers, from the time of the Norman Conquest, and before that time, without any interruption whatever.

His assertion of the royal rights of the bishopric.

The King and Council, having heard the Bishop's allegations, determined that the caption into the King's hands of the bishop's franchise, was wrongfully done and without sufficient warrant; and they thereupon revoked and annulled the judgment of the justices in eyre, and restored to the bishop, and his church and men, all the liberties and privileges which had been taken into the King's hands.

His franchise restored.

No one reading the proceedings, as they occurred in Parliament, can come to any other conclusion than that the bishop had justly incurred the penalty imposed by the justices in eyre pursuant to the Statute of Gloucester, and that it was by the royal favour alone that he was permitted to retain his franchise, which had been legally lost by his contempt of the law. These proceedings also confirm, in an extraordinary degree, the statement of Robert de Graystanes the ancient Durham historian that, "Earls and barons, the greatest of the "realm, think little of kneeling to him, and knights, "like servants, of standing before him for ever-so-long."

Another act of the same Parliament shows Bishop Bek's supreme power with the King and his Council. John le Romayne, Archbishop of York, had conceived

Bek's dispute with the Archbishop of York.

a violent animosity against Bishop Bek, which the King had more than once endeavoured to modify, and succeeded, so far as the Archbishop was concerned, for he sent two of his clerks to Bek to propose that their dispute should be referred to arbitration. Bek rejected the proposal, and the archbishop appealed to Rome, but was unsuccessful. On his return to England he determined to bring matters to a crisis by sending Bek a citation to appear before him as his primate. Bek was then in Scotland with the King, but his officials, acting as they believed their master would have done, treated the mandate with contempt, and imprisoned the messengers in Durham Castle. The primate, who was then at Viterbo, on hearing what had taken place, wrote to his official, commanding him to excommunicate the Bishop of Durham. Bogo de Clare [1] was requested to perform this ungracious act; but he, well knowing the temper and power of Bek, declined, and the Prior of Bolton, at the archbishop's command, proclaimed the excommunication. Bek, however, treated the affair with contempt, but nevertheless brought the matter before the King in Parliament. From the proceedings there, it appeared that the Prior of Bolton excommunicated the bishop, because John de Maydenstan, Constable of Durham, and his accomplices had, by the bishop's command and subsequent assent, imprisoned in Durham Castle John de Amelia and William de Wrelton, who had been sent thither to the bishop with letters of citation and canonical mandates, and that, as the bishop had refused to release them from prison, after several admonitions by the archbishop, the Prior of Bolton then published the excommunication against the Bishop. The archbishop was accused of acting in de-

The archbishop excommunicates him.

[1] The reason for the primate calling in the assistance of this person does not appear; but he was aware that Bogo de Clare was a bold and unscrupulous man, with whom he formerly had had a severe fight. He was treasurer of the Cathedral of York and a notorious pluralist.

rogation of the King's authority and dignity, by fulminating excommunication against the Bishop of Durham, who was with the King and his army, and therefore under the royal protection. The archbishop in his defence pleaded his own cause, and tried to justify his conduct; he alleged, that as he did not intend any contempt or disrespect to the King, either against his dignity or his royal jurisdiction, he ought not, according to the canon law, to answer the charge alleged against him in the King's Court; but out of respect to the King he would fully declare the truth. He said that the Bishop of Durham being his suffragan was subject to him, and was bound to obey the archbishop's canonical mandates; and because the bishop would not comply with the canonical mandates, nor release the clerks imprisoned at Durham, though three times enjoined to do so, he, the archbishop, had duly ordered the excommunication to be issued against the bishop in accordance with ecclesiastical law, but not to the prejudice of the royal jurisdiction or dignity. The Attorney General, who pleaded for the King, replied that the Bishop of Durham had two estates, viz., the estate of a bishop *quoad* his spiritualities, and the estate of an earl palatine *quoad* his temporal tenements, and that although the archbishop was able to command the bishop by canonical mandates relating to his church, and the bishop was bound to obey such precepts of his superior, yet as the temporal fees, in which the archbishop's trespass had been committed, were holden of the King, the archbishop had neither spiritual nor temporal jurisdiction therein; therefore, that though his sentence of excommunication was an ecclesiastical censure, it would injure Bek in his secular character.

The archbishop brought by Bek before the King and Council in Parliament.

It is not, however, necessary to enter further into the pleas and counterpleas between the Archbishop and the Attorney General: it is sufficient to state that the earls, barons, justices, and all others of the King's Council in Parliament, unanimously agreed that Bek had a right

Decision of the Council in Bek's favour.

to order the archbishop's men to prison, in the character of a Prince Palatine, and that the archbishop should be committed to prison in the Tower of London for his offence and transgression ; but they all at the same time besought the King to remit the imprisonment, and impose a fine of 4,000 marks upon the archbishop. Upon due penitence being expressed by the primate, the King assented to the prayer of Parliament, remitted the imprisonment, and accepted the bond of the archbishop for the payment of the said fine of 4,000 marks.[1]

His influence undiminished.

The power of Bishop Bek continued in the ascendant, and no symptom of decline in the royal favour had as yet appeared. His life was still spent in the camp or in the Court.

Sent as an ambassador.

Bek was next sent to Adolph, King of the Romans, to arrange a league with him, and upon the arrival of the Cardinals in England, sent by Pope Boniface VIII. in the same year, to treat of peace between England and France, he answered their proposals impromptu in French.

His powers in the Northern counties.

In 1295 he was appointed one of the "custodes" of the counties beyond the Trent, and the knights of the several counties of York, Nottingham, Derby, Northumberland, Westmoreland, Cumberland, and Lancaster, and two men from each of the townships within the same counties, were ordered to appear before him. Afterwards, in the same year, all the men of Northumberland between the ages of fifteen and sixty were required to come into his presence.

Conducts an army into Scotland.

In the year 1296, upon King Edward entering Scotland with a powerful army, the Bishop of Durham, under the far-famed banner of St. Cuthbert, conducted thither no less than 500 cavalry and 1,000 foot-soldiers of his own men and tenants, besides a multitude of Welch and Irish. Twenty-five standard-bearers of his own house-

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[1] These proceedings are also set out on the Close Roll, 21 Edw. 1, m. 3, dors.

hold, and 140 knights, formed his personal train. In the same year he was again sent into that realm, as ambassador "cum plena potestate regia;" on which occasion John Balliol, King of Scotland, and his nobles solemnly met him: after much discussion, they submitted to King Edward's pleasure, and the son of the King of Scots was delivered up as an hostage for the due performance of the treaty, which Bek had arranged. The next year, however, the Scots rebelled against King Edward's authority, and William Wallace was chosen as their chief. Upon the intelligence reaching the English King, he again despatched Bek to inquire into the cause of the insurrection. The bishop's report was considered to justify the King in his determination to carry on an exterminating war, and Bek was desired to return to Scotland and take the field with the troops under his command. His instructions were to besiege the castle of Drilton: being fully equal to the task, and delighting in military enterprise,[1] he commenced the assault and speedily took it. After the battle of Falkirk, so fatal to the Scots, he led the second line of the English army with thirty-nine banners.

He entertains Edward I. at Durham.

King Edward returned to England, stopping at Durham in his way; there he was entertained with so much magnificence and profuseness by the bishop, as to arouse some jealousy and suspicion in the sovereign's mind. This was observed, and encouraged by those about him. The wealth and power of Bek had by this time created him many enemies; for he does not appear to have been either "meek above all men," or tolerant of the shortcomings of others. He was jealous of any infringement of his rights, or what he considered to be his due, and had become of so impatient a temper that he could endure no contradiction, even though he knew he was

The King begins to suspect him.

[1] He is said to have been absent from the siege of Caerlaverock on account of a wound he had received.

in the wrong. A man delighting in oppression, and at the same time vain and supercilious, is always watched with hatred and subtlety, while every advantage is taken of his weakness. The King was now insidiously informed that Bek had said he ruled as royally in his Palatinate of Durham, as the King ruled elsewhere in his Kingdom, and that the man who had brought two angry primates to his feet need not fear any other person, however exalted his office. These silly words, which in all probability were never uttered, were laid up in the King's remembrance[1] until he should find a fitting opportunity of testing their value: and this was close at hand. A dispute had arisen between the Bishop and the Prior and Chapter of Durham, relative to the right of Visitation. Matters were assuming so unpleasant an aspect that the King thought it necessary to interfere. The prior had drawn over to his side the principal tenants of the Palatinate; who were highly exasperated against the bishop for compelling them to go to the Scottish war with horses and arms, and imprisoning those in his castle at Durham who had refused to go, or had deserted. They declared that they were "Holiwerkfolk," and held their lands for the defence of the body of St. Cuthbert; that they were not compelled to go out of the bishopric, between the Tyne and the Tees, to do service

Dispute between Bek and the Prior and Chapter of Durham.

[1] The King had not forgotten that he had stated in his place in Parliament, when espousing the cause of the Earl Marshal and Earl of Hereford against the Crown, that they laboured for the advantage and honour of the sovereign and his realm, and therefore he stood with them, and not with the King against them.—"Et offensus est ibi Rex "contra Episcopum, eo quod tunc "quæreret Rex ab eo, an secum "staret contra comites Marescallum "et de Hereford et alios majores "regni, qui ibi congregati erant in "manu forti, et in voluntate capi-"endi Regem. Respondit Episco-"pus, quod omnes illi laborabant "ad profectum et honorem regni et "Regis, et ideo cum illis staret et "non cum Rege contra eos. Indig-"natus Rex ex hoc, cum comitibus "pacem simulavit: sed Antonium "ex tunc semper exosum habuit." (Rob. de Graystanes, cap. xxv.)

either for the King or the bishop,[1] and so they joined the prior in his petition to the King. Bek was first arraigned before the King and Council at Tynemouth, on the charge of having caused William de Bruntoft to be imprisoned by his palatinate justices, in contempt of the King's letters of protection, granted to the prior and his tenants. He pleaded in justification that Bruntoft had been imprisoned on account of various trespasses, and that he had refused to find bail. Upon this plea, a day was given to the bishop, to hear judgment, in the next parliament. He, however, failed to make his appearance there, and judgment was given against him by default. He was thereupon adjudged to pay 20*l.* damages to Bruntoft, attachment being issued against his person, the franchise of Durham seized into the King's hands, and the custody of it being committed to Robert de Clifford: William de Ormesby was appointed justice of the franchise, and Henry de Guldeford, chancellor of the Palatinate. The prior was also permitted to proceed to Rome with his complaints against the bishop. The Pope heard him, and thereupon summoned Bek to appear in person before the Roman Court; being, however, too proud or too contumacious to obey the papal monition, he sent his clerks in his stead. His Holiness, incensed at this open disregard of his authority, forthwith restored the prior to the office of which he had been dispossessed, and commanded that the papal restitution of the prior should be publicly read and proclaimed in Durham; at the same time he suspended Bek and threatened to remove him from his bishopric, if he did not immediately appear at Rome. This was a step the prelate little expected, and he certainly would have defied the Pope's anathema and excommunication had he been on the same terms of familiarity and

Proceedings against Bek.

His franchise seized into the King's hands.

Bek suspended by the Pope.

[1] Surtees (vol. i., No. xvi.) prints a Charter of Edward I., "pro indempnitate hominum de Episcopatu, ut non compellantur transire ad pugnandum extra libertates Sancti Cuthberti."

friendship with his sovereign, as he had been when he set at nought the canonical monitions of two of his primates: but he now deemed it more prudent to yield to the Pope's command. He left England in princely state. On his arrival at the Eternal City, his splendid retinue, brilliant cortège, noble bearing, and extravagant largesses to the papal officials, astonished the Roman Court. They could scarcely believe that the man who now appeared there came as an offender, almost a culprit. More than one of the Roman magnates inquired, as Bek passed from his hotel to the court, who was the mighty prince who had come to visit them. Many instances of his liberality and profuseness at Rome are recorded, but which it is unnecessary to detail here; it will suffice to say, that his magnificence and prodigality satisfied the papal hierarchy that the Bishop of Durham had been foully traduced; and Bek returned to England triumphant, higher in his self-esteem, though considerably lower in his purse. His success did not moderate his exactions on his tenants, or his encroachments on the royal rights, for the King had duly restored his franchise to him on his return; nor did he forget to let the prior feel that he had taken a false step in compelling his bishop to visit Rome. The prior, however, was not dismayed at the bishop's threats and proceedings, but brought his diocesan again before the King in parliament. Unhappily, however, for him, he was now unsuccessful, and heavily fined for his action, the bishop having this time appeared by his counsel and satisfied the court as to his Palatinate rights. Bek was restored to favour; but it was arranged that he should bind himself by an agreement to abstain from certain acts, and allow several privileges to the priory and to his tenants in general.

He goes to Rome.

His success there.

A brighter sun was now about to shine again on Anthony Bek. His visit to Rome was not forgotten, and he was regarded as one of England's most favoured sons. Bertrand, Archbishop of Bordeaux, whom Bek had known

His mission to the new Pope.

at Rome, and who had perhaps partaken of his liberality, was elected Pope, by the title of Clement V. Edward, anxious to offer his gratulations on the occasion, despatched Bek to Rome with many valuable presents for the Pope's acceptance. Ambassador and presents were both warmly welcomed, and, as a mark of the Pope's consideration and esteem, he conferred on Bek the high sounding title of "Patriarch of Jerusalem," but to which office neither duties nor emoluments were attached. This empty honour, by adding to his compellation a title which had never been borne by any other prelate in England,[1] gratified the vanity of Bek, but it made him more proud and more arrogant than ever, and he could not forgive his tenants and subordinates for the part they had taken against him. Through his influence the Pope suspended the prior from his office,[2] and allowed the bishop to appoint another person in his stead. Oppression followed oppression, and the conduct of the prelate was again brought before the King in Parliament; on his failing to appear, the King again seized into his hands the bishop's Palatinate for contempt, retaining possession of it for the remainder of his reign.[3] He, moreover, severed from the Palatinate Barnard Castle, with its appendages. Hert and Hertness, and other property, which had escheated to the Palatinate by forfeiture, with Werk in Tyndale, Penrith in Cumberland, and the church of Symondburn in Northumberland were taken from the see. Bek was further called upon to show by what right he held the Isle of Man, of which he had assumed

The Pope confers the title of Patriarch of Jerusalem upon Bek.

His continued persecution of the Prior of Durham.

He is again brought before Parliament.

The Palatinate seized.

[1] The last Latin Patriarch of Jerusalem, who exercised any functions, was Nicholas d'Hanape who was drowned on the 18th of May 1291. The Pope, however, continued to nominate distinguished men to the office: Bek succeeded Ralph in the patriarchate on the 26th of February 1306.

[2] The Pope, however, afterwards restored the prior to his office and revoked his suspension. (Cart. 1, f. 35*b*.)

[3] A survey of the Palatinate seems to have been made on this occasion. It is among the Durham Muniments in the Public Record Office.

His title to the Isle of Man questioned.

the title of King. He was informed[1] that the Isle of Man belonged to the crown of England, and had been holden by it up to the time (5 Jan. 1293) when King Edward had granted it to John de Balliol, late King of Scotland, to hold as Alexander, formerly King of Scotland, had held it.[2] The proceedings which took place on this occasion cannot now be found; but it is clear that Bek satisfied the King. Camden, without giving his authority, states that the King afterwards gave the island to Bek for his life. This statement is confirmed by an entry on the Scotch Roll of the 4th of Edward II., which shows that Bek was in possession of the island at the time of his death, and Robert de Graystanes (c. xxxi.) writes, "He held the island of Man, as of the King's gift, "to the end of his life." On the decease of Bek, the custody of the island was granted to Henry de Beaumont,[3] and afterwards to Gilbert de Makaskel.[4]

The Palatinate rights abridged.

From what has been here stated, it would seem that very little doubt can exist that the prerogative rights of royalty had been extended in the Palatinate through the encroachments of Anthony Bek; and, in all probability, on the last seizure of the Palatinate into the King's hands, they may have been reduced to what they had previously been before that prelate's episcopate. Be this,

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[1] Rot. Claus. 35 Edw. 1, m. 4. in dorso.

[2] Great uncertainty prevails as to the manner in which Bek obtained the Isle. In all probability, it was through William de Montacute, the husband of the heiress of Reginald, King of Man, who had been driven from his dominions by Alexander III., King of Scotland, when he invaded the island, and granted it to Richard de Burgh, Earl of Ulster. William de Montacute, however, raised a small army, and drove out the Earl of Ulster; but having incurred a heavy debt by the expedition, he was compelled to raise money for its liquidation, and mortgaged it to Anthony Bek. The Earl of Ulster, however, in the meanwhile surrendered his right to King Edward I., who committed the custody of it to Walter de Huntercombe, and afterwards restored it to John de Balliol, King of Scotland, as a portion of the inheritance of Alexander III.

[3] Rot. Fin. 5 Edw. 2, m. 17.

[4] Pat. 5 Edw. 2, m. 5.

however, as it may, it is quite clear that Edward II. restored the franchise to Bek, by his letters patent, which run in these words :[1]—" Sciatis quod, cum libertas " ecclesiæ Dunelmensis nuper, quibusdam de causis, " per considerationem curiæ celebris memoriæ Domini " Edwardi, quondam Regis Angliæ, patris nostri, in " manum ejusdem patris nostri capta fuisset; et sic in " manu sua extitisset, quousque, per mortem ejusdem, " ad manum nostram devenit; et ea occasione, adhuc in " manu nostra existit :—Nos, licet libertatem illam, ra- " tione considerationis prædictæ, toto tempore venerabilis " patris A., Patriarchæ Jerosolomitani, et episcopi loci " prædicti, in manu nostra retinere possemus, de gratia " nostra speciali, ad honorem Dei, et Sancti Cuthberti, " gloriosi Confessoris, necnon et ob affectionem specialem, " quam erga præfatum episcopum, diu est, habuimus et " habemus, reddidimus eidem episcopo prædictam liber- " tatem, habendam sibi et successoribus suis, episcopis " Dunelmensibus, et ecclesiæ suæ Dunelmensi, imperpe- " tuum, adeo integre, sicut idem episcopus dictam liber- " tatem habuit ante captionem supradictam :" but it is highly probable that the Palatinate rights were abridged in some particulars by the following clauses in the re-grant :[2]—" Salvis nobis, et hæredibus nostris, regali dig- " nitate et potestate nostra : et salvo in omnibus jure " coronæ nostræ." It is, however, evident that Bek was a favourite of the new monarch; for he speaks of the special affection he entertains for him,[3] and in his letter to the Pope, he terms him his dearest friend (amicus noster carissimus).[4] He also appointed him one of his proxies to contract a marriage between himself and Isabella, daughter of the King of France.[5]

Re-grant of the franchise to Bek by Edward II.

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[1] Pat. 1 Edw. 2, p. 1, m. 21, and Pat. 1 Edw. 2, m. 8.

[2] See also Pat. 3 Edw. 2, m. 26.

[3] Rot. Rom. 1 Edw. 2, m. 10.

[4] Rot. Rom. 1 Edw. 2, m. 11.

[5] Bek would seem to have lent Edward II. large sums of money, for in his Letters Patent, dated 20th May 1311, the King states : " Nos tamen, ad bonum et lauda-

Much more might be written concerning Anthony Bek's wealth, liberality, and magnificence, but as it would bear but little or no relation to his Palatinate acts, it might be looked upon as beside the present subject. His last public act was his support of the party of the Earl of Lancaster against Piers Gaveston in the Par-

Bek's death.

liament of Westminster in 1310. He died at Eltham, on the 3rd of March in the same year, in the twenty-eighth of his episcopate, and the fifth of his patriarchate, and was buried with much pomp in the Cathedral of Durham, being the first bishop to whom such an honour was shown;[1] but as a strong superstition prevailed against any corpse being allowed to enter the doors of the cathedral, through a reverential awe for the body of St. Cuthbert, a passage was broken through the wall for its reception, near the place of its ultimate interment.

Summary of his character.

In the munificence of his public works, Bek rivalled the greatness of all his predecessors. Notwithstanding the vast expenses incurred in his buildings, his contests with the crown, and with his vassals, his foreign journeys, and the continued and excessive charges of his household, he died wealthier than any preceding

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" bile servitium, quod idem Patri-
" archa et episcopus dicto patri
" nostro impendit: et ad grandem
" affectionem, quam erga nos ha-
" buit; ac etiam immensas dona-
" tiones, per eundem Patriarcham
" et episcopum, dum vixit, libera-
" liter nobis factas; nostræ con-
" siderationis intuitum dirigentes,
" remisimus et perdonavimus, de
" gratia nostra speciali, hæredibus
" prædicti Patriarchæ et episcopi," &c. (Pat. 4 Edw. 2, p. 2, m. 6.) There is a charter of Anthony Bek, dated 19 Nov. 1309, granting the barony of Alnewyck to the Lord Henry de Percy, which is worth pointing out, as it does not seem to have been made in his Palatine capacity, but as a private individual: " Et nos præfatus
" Antonius et hæredes nostri præ-
" dicto domino Henrico hæredibus
" et assignatis suis . . . contra
" omnes gentes warantizabimus et
" defendemus imperpetuum." Pat. 3 Edw. 2, m. 23 and m. 30. He also grants a similar charter, dated 19 Dec. 1310, to the same Lord Henry de Percy, of the manor of Langley. Pat. 4 Edw. 2, p. 1, m. 7.

[1] Ante illum enim, ob reverentiam corporis Sancti Cuthberti, non est permissum corpus mortuum ingredi ecclesiam Dunelmensem. (Rob. de Graystanes, cap. xxxi.)

prelate, leaving immense treasures in what constituted the riches of the age; gallant horses, costly robes, rich furniture, plate, and jewels.

Election of Richard de Kellawe.

Immediately after the death of Anthony Bek, the chapter sent special messengers to the King, who was then at Berwick-upon-Tweed, to announce the fact, and to pray his Majesty to issue his licence for the election of a new bishop. The permission was granted, and, on the 31st of March, Richard de Kellawe, a monk of Durham, was elected. The court, however, was desirous that Antoline de Pisano, a foreigner, and under canonical impediment, should be elected; but the convent resisted the application, and were unanimous in their choice of Kellawe. He is described by Graystanes (cap. xxxii.) as "a worthy man whose eloquence, appearance, and stature "were worthy of command." He did his homage to the King at Berwick on the 11th of April, when he obtained the Royal assent to his election. On the 19th of April he was presented to the Archbishop of York at Newborough; examined at Hexham on the 4th of May; and confirmed at Ripon by the archbishop on the 11th of May. The King restored the temporalities to the new prelate on the 20th of May, and he was consecrated at York on the 31st of the same month, and installed at Durham on the 4th of September, being the day of St. Cuthbert's Translation. A further biographical notice of Bishop Kellawe will be found in the succeeding volume.

Necessity to inquire into the origin of the Palatinate.

I have now briefly sketched the history of the bishopric of Durham, from its first establishment at Lindisfarne, down to the time when Richard de Kellawe governed the see. It is now necessary to ascertain, if possible, when it first obtained those royal rights, which were exercised and enjoyed by so many prelates, under the title of "Bishop Palatine." I would, however, first explain what constitutes a Palatinate. A Palatinate is

Definition of a Palatinate.

a territory, throughout which its proprietor enjoys and exercises certain royal rights and privileges, commonly called "*Jura Regalia*," as fully and entirely as a sovereign himself does elsewhere within the realm, in which such territory is situate. In England there are only three Palatinates, properly so called,[1] those of Chester, Lancaster, and Durham, the latter being the most ancient of the three; it is of course unnecessary, on the present occasion, to enter into an investigation concerning the origin of the first two named, these remarks therefore will be confined to the Palatinate of Durham, wherein *Jura Regalia* have been fully exercised and enjoyed immemorially, though not without interruption.

Jura regalia.

Jura Regalia, as defined by our ancient jurists, mean those high transcendent prerogative rights which are exclusively inherent in the person of the sovereign, *jure coronæ*, for the support and maintenance of the regal power and dignity.

Jura Regalia are divided into two distinct classes—*Majora* and *Minora Regalia*. One is inseparably attached to the person of the sovereign, and is an incommunicable power. The other is communicable by the sovereign to a subject, and may be granted by charter to any person or corporation.

The *Jura Regalia* which were attached to the Palatinate

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[1] Some writers, among whom are Sir Edward Coke and Selden, incorrectly state that the Isle of Ely was a fourth Palatinate. The Isle of Ely was nothing more than a liberty in which some *Jura Regalia*, but not all, were exercised by grant from Henry I., when the bishopric was created. The county of Pembroke was up to the 27th of Henry VIII., also a County Palatine having *Jura Regalia*. It seems to have been so created in the year 1340, in favour of Laurence de Hastings. In the King's charter to to him this clause occurs, "Volentes "et concedentes ut dictus Laurentius prærogativam et honorem "habeat Comitis Palatini in terris "quas tenet de hæreditate dicti "Audomari." Hexham was also a County Palatine; at least it is so called in the Statute 33 Hen. VIII., c. 10: but by the Statute 14 Eliz. c. 13. it was united to the county of Northumberland, and from that time it was no longer a County Palatine or franchise royal.

of Durham were, of course, the *Minora Regalia*, and they extended over the whole of that diocese. This is proved by the proceedings in the Parliament of the 23rd Edward I. and in 1409. The *Jura Regalia*, thus exercised by the bishops within the liberty and franchise, were—

The *jura regalia* exercised by the bishops of Durham.

I. The right of having their own Courts of Chancery, Exchequer, and Admiralty, as well as holding pleas of the crown, pleas of land, and all other pleas, and also a Court of Wards and Liveries.

II. The same right of appointing their own chancellor, justices, sheriffs, justices of the peace, coroners, escheators, and other officers within the Liberty of Durham, as the sovereign possesses elsewhere within his realm.

III. The right of issuing, in their own name, writs, precepts, and mandates, both original and judicial, and commissions to raise forces and levy subsidies.

IV. The right of coining money in their own mint at Durham.

V. Forfeitures and escheats of every description, whether for high treason, or in right of being "ultimus "hæres."

VI. The right to the "year, day, and waste."

VII. The right to pardon treasons, murders, felonies, and infractions of the peace.

VIII. The right of holding councils, in the nature of parliaments. (This, perhaps, was the reason why no knights or burgesses in the county of Durham were returned as members to Parliament before the reign of Charles II.)

IX. The right of granting charters for free warren, markets, fairs, as also for murage, pontage, pavage, &c.

X. The right of creating Palatine Barons by summoning their tenants to councils and parliaments, in like manner as the Palatine of Chester did.

How they were acquired.

It is evident from the above list that very few of the above-mentioned liberties could have been derived from Anglo-Saxon donations. Many of them must have been

obtained either by usurpation or by the silent permission of the Kings after the Norman Conquest.

That several of these rights have been encroachments on the royal prerogative is beyond question, inasmuch as some of them must, from their nature, have arisen long after the commencement of legal memory, and several since the 23rd of Edward I., when the bishop's rights were first challenged. I therefore infer that they were encroachments which were acquiesced in by the sovereign, if, as appears to be the case, they were not granted by royal charter.

Inquiry as to when the Palatinate was first erected.

The question, however, to be now considered, is not whether the Bishops of Durham enjoyed all these prerogative rights, but when the diocese was erected into a Palatinate.

After a very extensive and, indeed, exhaustive inquiry, I have not been able to discover, with any precision, the period at which the Palatinate of Durham was first created; nor can I learn whether it originated in a royal charter or in a verbal donation. If it were erected by charter, no such instrument any longer exists, and it must have been swept away in the whirlpool of time, without leaving a vestige or trace of its former existence.

No evidence of a formal creation.

The total silence of the ancient chroniclers and northern historians, as well as the absence of all reference to a charter in the muniments of the Palatinate conferring a single *jus regale* on the see, proves that the origin of the Palatinate is utterly lost in the mist of ages. Whenever the rights of the bishop or his tenants were challenged by the crown, no uncommon occurrence during the thirteenth and fourteenth centuries, neither charter nor letters patent were pleaded or offered in support of such rights. The bishops and their tenants were content to aver that they had enjoyed their franchise from time immemorial, both *before* and *after* the Norman Conquest. They made no appeal to the land-boc or the charter-chest; they rested on prescription only, and the Crown and Parliament were not able to refute their plea or

contravene their averment, though they were resisted by all the subtlety of the judges and the special pleading of the law officers of the crown. It therefore seems little less than certain that no formal creation of the Palatinate by charter or deed ever took place; but that the jurisdiction grew gradually from a small beginning under the protection of Oswald, King of Northumbria, and was fostered and enlarged by several successive sovereigns of the Anglo-Saxon, Anglo-Danish, and Anglo-Norman dynasties, who enriched the see with princely possessions, accompanied with the fullest powers, immunities, and liberties therein.

Jurists uncertain about the creation of the Palatinate.

All jurists and historians who have discussed the origin of this Palatinate more or less express themselves at a loss on what grounds to base their convictions.

Lord Coke's opinions concerning it.

Lord Justice Sir Edward Coke[1] alleges that Durham is a County Palatine by prescription, which was raised, as it is said, soon after the Conquest. Camden, in mentioning the princely possessions of Durham and the liberties granted to that see by Alfred the Great and Guthred the Dane, says that Kings Edward and Athelstane, and Cnut not only confirmed those laws and liberties, but also increased them; "nor did William the "Conqueror," continues Camden, "less encourage them, "from whose time it was reckoned a county palatine, "and some of the bishops, as counts palatines, have bore "in their seals a knight, armed, sitting upon a horse "with trappings, with one hand brandishing a sword, "and in the other holding out the arms of the bishop-"rick. The bishops have also had their royalties, so "that the goods of outlaws were forfeited to them, and "not to the King; nay, the common people, insisting "upon privilege, have refused to war in Scotland under "the King. For they pleaded that they were Haliwerke[2]

Camden's opinion.

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[1] 4 Inst. 216.

[2] Selden's "Titles of Honour," first edition. It is somewhat remarkable that Selden, in his subse-

" folks, and bound to do nothing but holy works; that " they held their lands to defend the body of St. Cuth- " bert, and that they ought not to march out of the " confines of their bishoprick, namely, beyond the Tyne " and the Tees, either for the King or for the bishop."

Selden's opinion.

Selden thinks that it arose "under the Norman Con- " queror, for one Egelric, being there bishop about this " time, was for offence to the State deposed; and in his " stead one Walker put, *Qui esset dux pariter pro-* " *vinciæ et episcopus* (as the Monk of Malmesbury, De " Gest. Pontif. lib. 3., states), *frœnaretque rebellionem* " *gentis gladio, et formaret mores eloquio;* but the " chief privileges of Durham," continues Selden, " have " been anciently derived from the holy respect had to " S. Cuthbert, Bishop of Lindisfarne (that is now called " *Holy Island*), whose body was thence, in Saxon times, " translated into Durham; therefore the monks style it " *Cuthberti Terra,* and call the countrymen *Halywerk* " *Folks,* which is meant in one of the year-books where " Durham is remembered with name of *Franchuse de* " *Work.*"

The opinion that it was founded during the episcopate of Bishop Walcher untenable.

Selden seems to come very near the truth in the latter part of his statement, where he alleges that the Palatinate was derived from the holy reverence for St. Cuthbert; but his supposition that because Walcher was both earl and bishop, therefore he was the founder of the Palatinate, cannot, I think, be maintained for an instant. Camden's language is too general to be taken as his deliberate opinion. It is true that Walcher was for a short time both Earl of Northumberland and Bishop of Durham; but his earldom lay north of the Tyne, while his ecclesiastical franchise was between the Tyne and the Tees. In both districts he undoubtedly enjoyed extensive regal privi-

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quent editions, omits all allusion to the "Haliwerke folks." I have collected some curious information relative to the "Haliwerke folks," which I must reserve for my preface to the second volume of this work.

leges. The rights Walcher had by virtue of his earldom died with him; those he exercised in right of his episcopate were precisely the same as his predecessors had enjoyed before him, and his successors maintained after him, but with greater amplitude.

William de St. Carileph never held the earldom of Northumberland, and yet exercised royal rights.

William de St. Carileph, who succeeded Walcher, never held the earldom of Northumberland, but still he exercised royal rights between the Tyne and the Tees. This is evident from his (Bishop Carileph's) foundation charter of the Convent of Durham in 1082, wherein, after granting them certain possessions, he says: "In quibus omnibus "Sanctus Cuthbertus, et ejus episcopus, omnes digni-"tates et libertates quæ ad regis coronam pertinent, "ab omni servicio et inquietudine imperpetuum liberas, "munitas, et quietas, cum omnibus eisdem pertinenti-"bus, possideret." And King William the Conqueror confirmed the laws of St. Cuthbert, which he had previously ratified and established, and restored them (the laws) to the efficacy which they at any time before had possessed under the most favourable circumstances, and all the bishop's successors, after him, enjoyed the like rights, which were afterwards extended into the wapentake of Sadberge.

William I.'s ratification of the laws of St. Cuthbert.

If, therefore, the Palatinate was not created by William the Conqueror, the question naturally arises, by whom was it erected?

The probable gradual increase of jurisdiction.

I have already suggested, that it acquired its royal powers by degrees, almost imperceptibly, and not at one moment; for instance, King Oswald, when he endowed Lindisfarne, was not, in all probability, retentive of his royal rights over the possessions he had granted to Aidan; seeing that it was absolutely necessary that the bishop should have the fullest power, both spiritual and temporal, over the remote but extensive district he was appointed to govern.[1] It is not at all likely that these

[1] These possessions, or the Terra Lindisfarnensis, extend on the east from the Tweed to Warnmouth; they then ascend the Warn to its

powers were diminished as the see increased in authority and influence; indeed, it is much more probable that they were amplified. Be this, however, as it may, it seems certain that they had not attained to their full extent until after the see had been removed from Lindisfarne.

The incorruptible body of Bishop Cuthbert seems to have been the idol, which attracted the influence and obtained the sway which his successors ultimately acquired. A superstitious devotion, not unmixed with personal reverence, undoubtedly induced Cuthbert's successors to attribute all great success to his immediate interference, and any failure to his displeasure. And when Guthred was raised from his lowly position of a serf to the exalted rank of the sovereign of Northumbria, he was made to believe by Eardulf, the man who had been most instrumental in his elevation, that it was entirely through the mediation of the Saint, who once presided over his diocese, that he had been so divinely favoured. As an acknowledgment of the Saint's interference in his behalf, Guthred was not backward in conferring upon Eardulf and the Saint's successors landed possessions and immunities, which were comparatively valueless to himself, but greatly coveted and appreciated by those upon whom he conferred them. When he bestowed upon the church of St. Cuthbert for ever, "*totam terram cum "jure regali inter Tyne et Were,*"[1] he gave to the see a

Guthred's grant of *jura regalia.*

source, near the Hill of Hebburne, and from thence by an imaginary track they proceed to the Bremish, which becomes the line of demarcation until it unites its streams with the Till. Beyond the Tweed every thing between the Eder and the Leder seems to have belonged to the see, in addition to an extensive territory stretching from Lammermoor to Eymouth. The Farne Islands and Lindisfarne, of course, constituted part of the territory.

[1] On the north side of the choir door of Durham Cathedral, beneath the statue of King Guthred, formerly was the following inscription: "Guthredus per Sanctum Cuth- "bertum in Regem promotus to- "tam terram cum jure regali inter "Tyne et Were eidem Sancto "donavit." This inscription, as

franchise he cared not for himself, but which was every thing to those upon whom he conferred it.

King Alfred's confirmation of Guthred's grant

Superstition has always been a powerful instrument in the hands of the designing, and King Guthred was not a solitary instance of its power. Alfred the Great was in like manner persuaded by Eardulf—the same subtle prelate of Lindisfarne, who had influenced Guthred—that his victories and successes were owing more to the favour of Saint Cuthbert than to his own genius or prowess; and, as a proof of his gratitude and belief, King Alfred not only gave to the church over which Cuthbert had once presided, "terram inter Tesam et Tinam cum "Regalitate;"[1] but also confirmed, in a common council of the realm, King Guthred's grant of *Jura Regalia* to the church. It was at the same time also resolved, as I have already mentioned, that if any land should be given thereafter to the Church of St. Cuthbert, or any land be purchased with the money of the see, it should from thenceforth be free; and that no one should presume to exercise over such lands any right of service or custom, but that the church should possess them in perpetuity and unbroken quiet, and have every liberty therein.

May be considered as the foundation of the Palatinate.

Here it may be remarked that Guthred's donation included particularly that part of the county which lay

well as those under the statues of King Alfred and King Edward the Elder occurs in a manuscript, entitled "Collectio Antiquitatum Ec- "clesiæ Dunelmensis," and dedicated to Christopher Lord Hatton, by William Freeman. In all probability, the whole of the statues and inscriptions adorning the north and south doors of the choir were destroyed by the iconoclasts. On the south side were the statues of eight kings, with inscriptions beneath them. On the north side there were also eight, being those of eight kings.

[1] On the south side of the choir door of Durham, beneath the statue of King Alfred, was the following inscription: "Rex West Saxonum "Aluredus per Danos oppressus "et per Sanctum Cuthbertum in "forma pauperis visitatus et con- "fortatus de Danis triumphans "Monarcha est effectus. Et suo "adjutori Sancto Cuthberto terram "inter Tesam et Tinam cum Re- "galitate contulit possidendam."

between the Tyne and the Wear, but that Alfred's charter extended the franchise to every other, present or future, possession of the see. Hence it was that Norhamshire, Islandshire, and Bedlingtonshire became part and parcel of the Palatinate. In proof that the view I have here taken of the origin of the Palatinate is not unsupported by the opinions of others who have given attention to the subject, I would advance what Miles Stapleton (secretary to Bishop Cosin) has written on the subject:—And first

Miles Stapleton's opinion.

" Cuthred, King of Northumberland, gave to God and St. " Cuthbert all the land betweene the rivers of Tine and " Were; and afterwards the same Cuthred, and Alured " monarch of all England, gave to the same all the land " betweene the Tine and Teise, whereof an historian (for " the charters and records being lost, you must give me " leave to quote history) saith thus, 'Terra quoque tota, " 'ex communi largitione duorum Regum Cuthredi et " 'Aluredi, inter duo flumina Tinam et Teisam, una cum " 'plenis legibus, libertatibus, et consuetudinibus, Deo " 'et S. Cuthberto donata est. Atque unanimi Regum " 'prædictorum et totius populi sententia decretum est, " 'quod ex terra ab illis Regibus, eorum successoribus, " 'vel aliis quibuscunque, S. Cuthberto donata, vel ejus " 'pecunia empta, nemo deinceps, cujuscunque præ- " 'eminentiæ fuerit, cujuslibet servitii aut consuetudinis, " 'sibi jus aliquod usurpare audeat; sed Ecclesia ejusque " 'ministri terras ejusmodi inconcussas, quietas, et liberas, " 'cum omnibus consuetudinibus, perpetualiter possi- " 'deant: omnesque qui ex his aliquod præsumpserint " 'infringere perpetuo anathemati damnarunt.' By " which it appears that all this land, with the liberties " thereof, was not only granted by the charters of the " said kings, but also confirmed by a parliament of the " whole kingdom, whereof King Alfred was monarch. " And as if this grant thus confirmed were not yet firme " enough, nor the liberties thereby granted large enough

" (such was the veneration which the kings of those " times had of S. Cuthbert, esteemed to be the tutelar " angel of this kingdom against the invasions of the " Danes), the said charter was several times afterwards " confirmed by divers of the Saxon kings with yet larger " privileges, or at least, in more plaine and special words. " Among which charters of confirmation there was one " of King Edmond, son of King Æthelstane, where was " this clause, 'In quibus terris S. Cuthbertus et ejus " 'Episcopus omnes dignitates et libertates quæ ad Regis " 'coronam pertinent, ab omni servitio et inquietudine " 'in perpetuum liberas et quietas, cum omnibus ejusdem " 'pertinentiis possideant.' It is needless to trouble you " with any clauses of other charters, at least before the " Conquest, for every latter charter fully confirmed all " former priviledges and immunities, if it did not add " new words of larger signification. By these, which I " have already mentioned, it is cleare that the whole land, " which is now called the Bishoprick of Durham, was " given to the Bishop of Durham, and therefore all per- " sons that had any land within the two rivers of Tine " and Teise must needs have them from and hold them " of those bishops; and further, seeing all dignities and " liberties belonging to the crowne of a king within " these two rivers were granted, it must of necessity " follow that all the inhabitants of this spot of ground " were the bishop's subjects."

These two grants of Guthred and Alfred were undoubtedly the first germ, if not the foundation, of the Palatinate of Durham, (to say nothing of the liberties granted to Aidan by King Oswald, or of those which King Ceolwulf may have given,) the extent of which was increased by succeeding sovereigns, or by encroachments on the part of the bishops themselves.

Edward the Elder's grant.

King Edward the Elder, Alfred's son, in memory of the benefits his father had received from Cuthbert, " honoured much that Saint and his church, and be-

" stowed upon them many privileges, and conferred " upon the church many regal gifts."

Edmund and Cnut also confirmed and ratified the laws which regulated the franchise of St. Cuthbert.

Athelstane is also recorded as being a great contributor to the possessions of the see; having by his will[2] bestowed upon it twelve vills, and ordained that they should be observed and kept as its property for ever, and confirmed all the privileges which Guthred and Alfred had granted to it. Edmund,[3] the brother of Athelstane, likewise confirmed the laws of St. Cuthbert to hold good for the future in such manner as they had been when at their best estate.

The franchise not created by any king since the Conquest.

From these instances it is clear that the Palatinate of Durham, though not known by such a denomination, was in existence, at least in outline, long before the Norman Conquest; and it is equally clear that there is no charter of any description whatever, *from the Conquest downwards*, that can, by the most strained construction, be said to have created that immense franchise. Let us, however, examine what really was the nature of the charters to Durham after the Norman invasion.

It may be urged, I am fully aware, that as the charters of Guthred, Alfred, Edward, and Athelstane are neither

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[1] On the south side of the choir door at Durham, beneath the statue of King Edward, was the following inscription: " Rex Edwardus Senior " filius Aluredi patri succedens " memor beneficii suo patri per " Sanctum Cuthbertum impensi " eundem Sanctum et suam eccle- " siam multum honoravit et privi- " legiavit plurimaque dona Regalia " eidem conferebat."

[2] " Do ecclesiæ S. Cuthberti vil- " lam dilectam Warmuth australem, " cum suis appendiciis, id est Wes- " ton, Ufferton et Silcesworth; " duas Reofhoppas, Birden, Seham, " Seaton, Dalton, Dalden, Hesilden, " quas villas malorum malignitas " ab ecclesia S. Cuthberti multo " ante tempore abstulerat." (Leland. Coll. ii. 374.)

[3] " In quibus terris S. Cuthbertus " et ejus episcopus omnes dignitates " et libertates quæ ad Regis coro- " nam pertinent, ab omni servitio et " inquietudine in perpetuum liberas " et quietas, cum omnibus ejusdem " pertinentiis possideant." MS. Hatton.

extant nor recorded, there is no proof that they were ever granted, and consequently no evidence that any regal rights were conveyed by them. Such an argument is surely fallacious. The fact that a thing no longer exists, is no proof that it never did exist. Millions of events have occurred which are only known by tradition. Therefore it is not in any way remarkable that a charter, written on a small open piece of parchment, should be lost, the wonder rather being that so many such documents now remain; but it is a noteworthy fact, that of those which have reached our time, there is not one relating to the Palatinate or bishopric of Durham. I do not of course admit the authenticity of that of Ecgfrid, King of Northumbria, in 685. Moreover, it is a well-known fact, that many charters of great and vital importance were orally granted in the Witenagemote, and never recorded, at least, we know of no register of those national meetings having been kept. It was of no importance perhaps to any but the grantee; it concerned not the kingdom at large what grants the sovereign made, and if the grantee neglected to record them in the chartulary of his bishopric or monastery, it was his indiscretion, or his thorough reliance on the oral grant and the personal testimony of his contemporaries that induced him to rest secure on his rights. It was not until the reign of John that royal grants were recorded; and this precaution was taken not to protect the rights of the subject, but was invented for the sole benefit of the crown.

William I.'s grant to Bishop Walcher.

King William the First, desiring to show favour to Bishop Walcher, whom he had seated in the chair of Durham, bestowed Waltham on the see; and although he did not then confirm the Palatinate rights to him by any expression in the charter, yet it is evident he did not abridge them, but, on the contrary, he confirmed the laws and customs of Saint Cuthbert, which had been established by the devotion of ancient kings, and com-

Distinction between the Palatinate and the earldom of Northumberland.

manded that "they should be carefully observed by all." Here I would again remark that the earldom of Northumberland, or rather the government of that county, which was conferred on Bishop Walcher, had nothing whatever to do in common with the Palatinate of Durham. The earldom, on the murder of the bishop, was given to Alberic, a Norman, while the Palatinate itself remained with the bishop. This is evident from two facts. First, that the Conqueror, during the episcopate of William of St. Carileph, confirmed the laws of St. Cuthbert, which he had lately ratified and established,[1] and restored them to the efficacy which they before at any previous time possessed under the most favourable circumstances; and, secondly, that he granted, as I have before mentioned, the earldom of Northumberland to Robert Mowbray, who contested with Ranulph Flambard, the bishop of Durham, the right to enjoy certain franchises in the county of Northumberland.

The Palatinate not included in the Domesday Survey.

If any other argument were required to prove that William the Conqueror considered the Palatinate of Durham as a dominion entirely separate from those of the crown, it is the fact that in his great territorial

[1] In Bishop William de S. Carileph's foundation charter of the convent of Durham, in the year 1082, this clause occurs, "Insuper "eciam leges Sancti Cuthberti, quas "ipse [Rex Willelmus] coram "sancto illius corpore, sicut un-"quam meliores sub aliquo regum "priorum fuerunt, fide sua sancci-"erat, denuo tunc renovando con-"firmavit; et omnia, quæ dominus "papa ei suis literis præcepit, sicut "superius diximus, concessit; et in "concilio pleno coram omnibus ro-"borando, consencientibus prælatis "Angliæ totius, constituit." Bishop William de S. Carileph, in the same foundation charter of the convent of Durham, speaking of the territory between the Tees and the Wear, and of the other possessions belonging to the see, says, "In quibus omnibus Sanctus "Cuthbertus et ejus episcopus, "omnes dignitates et libertates, quæ "ad Regis coronam pertinent, ab "omni servicio et inquietudine im-"perpetuum liberas, munitas et "quietas, cum omnibus eisdem per-"tinentibus, possederat." Now unless the bishop of Durham possessed royal rights, he could not have emancipated the monks from any royal right then in the crown.

survey, the Domesday Book, he entirely omitted all notice of the Palatinate.[1]

These rights were admitted by King Henry I.[2] and King Stephen, and certainly acknowledged by Henry II., who, on sending his justices into the territory of St. Cuthbert, allowed that it is only a matter of grace, and not of custom; in one charter he says, "Sciatis "quod consilio Baronum meorum, *et Episcopi Dunel-* "*mensis licencia*, mitto hac vice in terram Sancti "Cuthberti justiciam meam, quæ videat ut fiat jus- "ticia, secundum assisam meam, de latronibus et mur- "dratoribus et roboratoribus; non quia velim ut "trahatur in consuetudinem tempore meo, vel hære- "dum meorum, sed ad tempus hoc facio, pro prædicta "necessitate; quia volo quod terra beati Cuthberti suas "habeat libertates et antiquas consuetudines, sicut "uncquam melius habuit;" and by another charter he grants,—"Præcipio quod Hugo Episcopus Dunelmensis, "cognatus meus, habeat curiam suam de omnibus hiis "de quibus prædecessores sui curias suas habuerunt, "tempore Regis Henrici, avi mei. Et præcipio quod "homines sui de illis alibi non placitent quam in curia "Episcopi, donec idem Episcopus a recto deficiat." In a third charter he enacts: "Præcipio quod tota terra et

The Palatine rights admitted by Henry I. and King Stephen.

Henry II.'s charters.

[1] It is true that Cumberland is also omitted, but the reason for that is, it was a fief of Scotland; while Northumberland, which is also omitted, was at that time too much devastated to be surveyed. It must, however, be remembered that all the country between York and Durham was also much devastated, yet it was surveyed.

[2] In King John's charter to the Convent of Durham in 1204, he grants "quod tota terra et homines "Sancti Cuthberti sint quieti de "sciris et hundredis et stridingis et "wapentachiis; et defendemus ne "idem monachi Sancti Cuthberti "preciocissimi confessoris, ullo mo- "do placitent aut respondeant de "terris vel hominibus vel consue- "tudinibus, vel de ulla re unde "seisiti erant die quo Henricus Rex "avus Henrici patris nostri fuit "vivus et mortuus, vel Ranulphus "Dunolmensis episcopus; et habeant "plenarie et libere curiam suam, "sicut cartæ Regis Willelmi et Re- "gis Henrici avi Henrici Regis "patris nostri testantur."

" homines Sancti Cuthberti et monachorum Dunelmen-
" sium sint quieti de scyris et hundredis, tridingis et
" wapentachiis, et auxiliis vicecomitum et præpositorum,
" et plenarie habeant curiam suam, sicut habuerunt
" melius tempore Regis Henrici avi mei; et omnes res
" suas ita bene et quiete in pace teneant, cum saca et
" socha, et tol, et team, et infangenthef, et cum omnibus
" consuetudinibus suis, sicut unquam melius et liberius
" tenuerunt." A fourth charter has these words:
" Sciatis me concessisse Deo et Sancto Cuthberto, et
" ecclesiæ Dunelmensi et Hugoni Episcopo, omnes
" terras, consuetudines, leges et quietudines, de quibus
" omnibus seisita erat prædicta ecclesia, die qua primus
" Willelmus Episcopus fuit vivus et mortuus; et si ipsa
" disseisita est de supradictis rebus cito reseisiatur. Et
" præcipio ut ita bene, quiete et honorifice teneat præ-
" dictus Hugo, Episcopus Dunelmensis, sicut prius
" Willelmus episcopus et Ranulfus Episcopus, ante-
" cessores sui, unquam melius vel liberius tenuerunt."
A fifth charter of Henry II., thus further acknowledges the bishop's rights,—" Sciatis me concessisse, et præsenti
" carta confirmasse, Deo et Sancto Cuthberto, et ecclesiæ
" Dunelmensi et Hugoni Episcopo omnes libertates et
" liberas consuetudines, et quietancias, quas antecessores
" prædicti Hugonis Episcopi habebant tempore Henrici
" regis, avi mei, vel aliorum antecessorum meorum, Regum
" Angliæ."

Pudsey's desire to obtain the earldom of Northumberland.

The bishop's right in the Palatinate continued undisturbed until the time of Pudsey: it seems that his ambition aspired to possess a similar franchise throughout the earldom of Northumberland to that which he enjoyed in the county of Durham, and which his predecessor Walcher had by grant from William the Conqueror.

He purchases it from King Richard I.

The necessities of King Richard I., to carry on his great expedition for the recovery of the Holy Land, compelled him to seize every lordship, castle, honour, and office belonging to the crown that came within his

reach, and to resort to every available means for raising money. He had heard that Hugh Pudsey, the occupant of the chair of Durham, had made vast preparations for the purpose of attending the King in his expedition for the recovery of the Holy Land; and that he was not unwilling to purchase the earldom of Northumberland for the purpose of annexing it to his bishopric in perpetuity, or, at any rate, of holding the two conjointly for the term of his life. The earldom was of less value to the King than the money of the prelate, and Pudsey was easily persuaded to abandon the expedition, and place the funds he had collected for the occasion in the hands of his sovereign for a possession he had greatly coveted. The bishop, who had already obtained from the King the manor and wapentake of Sadberge,[1] an outlying portion of the county of Northumberland, and distinct from the possessions of the see, in exchange for a valuable consideration,[2] proffered to the King the sum of four thousand

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[1] By charter dated 18th September, 1 Ric. 1. Sadberge, previously to its annexation to Durham, appears to have been considered as an integral part of Northumberland, and not as a separate manor or franchise, though there is an instance in the 31st of Henry II. where it is mentioned as being distinct from the county of Northumberland.

[2] The property granted is thus described in King Richard's charter; "Manerium nostrum de Sadberg, "cum wapentagio ad idem manerium pertinente, et cum omnibus "aliis rebus ad illud pertinentibus, "tam in hominibus quam in terris, "cultis et incultis, in viis et semitis, "in pratis et pasturis, in stagnis et "molendinis, in aquis et piscariis, "et servicium Petri Carou et hæredum suorum de feodo unius militis de Setone et de Oveton, et "servicium Thomæ de Amundevyll' et hæredum suorum de feodo "unius militis de Cotham et Treiford, et servicium filii Godfridi "Baard et hæredum suorum de "feodo duarum partium unius "militis de Midelton et de Hertburn; quas terras de nobis tenebant inter Tynam et Teysam, "cum omnibus aliis rebus ad prædicta feoda pertinentibus, in excambium pro servicio feodi trium militum, quod Philippus de Kime "de ipso episcopo in Lyncolnsyr "tenebat, et pro feodo duorum militum quod Girardus de Camville "de eodem tenebat, et pro feodo "unius militis quod Baldwinus Wac "et filius Rogeri de Osevile ibidem "de eodem tenebant. Quare volumus et præcipimus, quod prædictus Hugo Dunolmensis episcopus et successores sui, prædicta "duo feoda militum, et duas partes "feodi unius militis cum prædicto

pounds in silver,[1] an immense amount in the currency of those days, for the earldom of Northumberland. His offer was accepted; the money was paid into the King's exchequer, and the earldom given up to the bishop,[2] to hold as freely and quietly as the King himself had possessed it, whilst it was in his own hand. He appears, however, to have held it but a very short time. The King's requirements became still more urgent; and all means, whether honourable or dishonourable, were resorted to to extort money from his people for the purpose of his ill-fated crusade. All the possessions, offices, and titles, which he had sold, were now seized back,[3] into his hands,

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" manerio de Sadberg et wapenta-
" chio, sicut prædictum est, teneant,
" habeant et possideant, libere,
" quiete, et honorifice, cum omnibus
" rebus ad ea pertinentibus, in bosco
" et plano, cum socha et sacha, et
" tol et theam, et infangenethefe,
" et cum omnibus aliis libertatibus
" et liberis consuetudinibus et cum
" placitis ad coronam pertinentibus,
" sicut nos ipsi in propria manu
" nostra habeamus, et sicut ipse
" episcopus habet et tenet alias
" terras suas et feoda militum in
" episcopatu suo; et ut tam ipse
" episcopus, quam successores sui,
" disponant de hominibus et terris ad
" idem manerium pertinentibus ad
" libitum suum et voluntatem, sicut
" de aliis hominibus et terris suis
" in eodem episcopatu suo faciant."

[1] Richard of Devizes says ten thousand pounds, " decem millia " libras argenti de scriniis ejus dili- " genter extraxit." (Ric. Divis. de rebus Gest. Ric. I., p. 8, Ed. Stevenson.)

[2] The charter is dated 25th November, a° 1 Ric. I. It runs thus:— " Sciatis nos dedisse et concessisse " et præsenti carta confirmasse " karo consanguineo nostro Hu- " goni Dunelmensi episcopo totum " comitatum Northumbriæ, tenen- " dum in vita sua de nobis et hære- " dibus nostris; et inde eum per " ensem et annulum saisivimus et " comitem fecimus," &c. It is stated by William de Newburgh, that when Richard girt Pudsey with the military sword, the King said to those around him, " You " see what power I possess, I have " made a young earl of an old " bishop." The Palatinate (as already noticed) is indebted to Hugh Pudsey for a survey of the county, including Norhamshire, Islandshire, and Bedlingtonshire. It is called the " Boldon Book," and it has been twice printed, first for the Record Commission, under the editorship of the late Sir Henry Ellis, and afterwards for the Surtees Society, under the care of the Rev. Canon Greenwell.

[3] " Dunolmensis etiam episcopus, " qui comitatum Northumbriæ " gravi summa comparatum, per " aliquot annos possideret, resig- " nando, desinens esse comes, in " simplicem episcopum rediit, ut " prius, nec in hac parte præ cæteris " habuit."

under the pretence that the seal, under which they had been granted, was lost, and therefore the charters, which had been authenticated by it, were of no value whatever. Bishop Pudsey was among the many who suffered by this disgraceful repudiation, and being unwilling to pay over again so enormous a sum, he was deprived of the earldom of Northumberland.[1] The vexation occasioned by this nefarious transaction seems to have shortened the bishop's life, and the earldom remained in the hands of the Sovereign.

Pudsey's acquisition of Sadberge.

I have already stated that Hugh Pudsey[2] acquired the manor and wapentake of Sadberge from King Richard I., in exchange for other property. This property was six knights' fees in Lincolnshire, which belonged to the see; for the exchange the bishop paid the King six hundred marks. The manor and wapentake, however, were seized by the King at the same time, and for the like reason, as the earldom of Northumberland.[3] Upon Hugh Pudsey's death, his successor, Philip de Poitiers, agreed to pay five hundred marks for the possession of Sadberge;[3] but King Richard dying before the money had been paid, the property was not given up to him, and he was compelled to pay to King John the further exorbitant fine of twelve hundred marks for the

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"Hugonem de Pusac de scaccario propulit; et solo sibi gladio, quo manu regis in militem fuerat accinctus, vix relicto, modico tempore habito comitatus honore privavit." (Ric. Divis. p. 11.)

[2] This charter conferred on the bishop similar Palatinate rights in Northumberland, or rather in those portions of that county which had not previously belonged to the bishopric; for it is well known, that the extreme northern parts of Northumberland formed part of the original diocese of Durham.

If it were necessary to note them, many examples of the exercise of Palatinate powers might be named as occurring under Pudsey's pontificate. For instance, he granted their first charter to the citizens of Durham, and he incorporated the boroughs of Gateshead and Sunderland. His other grants and confirmations to his lay vassals are numerous and important.

[3] The charter which re-conveyed Sadberge to the bishop is dated at Lyons on the 7th of December, in the 10th year of Richard's reign.

confirmation of Richard's grant, and the enjoyment of some few additional privileges.[1] Since that time the wapentake of Sadberge has ever been recognized by the Crown as part of the Palatinate of Durham.[2]

Probable usurpation of rights by encroachment.

From these facts it is evident that neither King William's grant of the earldom of Northumberland to Bishop Walcher, nor that of the same earldom by King Richard to Hugh Pudsey, had anything whatever to do with the *creation* of the Palatinate of Durham. That princely franchise had existed long before the Conquest, though, of course, not with all the powers which it afterwards acquired, under the title of a Palatinate. Very many of the prerogative rights enjoyed by the bishop must be considered as acts of encroachment, unless it be admitted as a matter of course that the possessor of the Palatinate, as Lord Palatine, enjoyed, without a special grant, precisely the same rights within his franchise as the sovereign does within his realm; in other words that it was taken for granted that "quicquid "Rex habet extra, Episcopus habet intra."

Bishop le Poor's Convenit.

Nothing can better illustrate the extensive rights and privileges exercised by these prelates than the charter, which Richard le Poor, the occupant of the see from 1215 to 1241, granted to the Prior and Convent of Durham in the year 1228. The clauses which relate to the temporal immunities are of some length, but it is, nevertheless, desirable to give them in full, as they show what the bishop believed to be his right, and had power to grant.

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[1] By King John's grant the bishop was to hold the manor and wapentake of Sadberge for ever, "cum omnibus libertatibus et libe- "ris consuetudinibus, et cum pla- "citis ad coronam regiam perti- "nentibus, sicut Rex Ricardus frater "noster, in propria manu sua ha- "buit, et sicut idem episcopus me- "lius et liberius habet et tenet "alias terras suas, et feoda militum "in episcopatu suo," &c.

[2] I have collected many materials relative to the bishop's Palatinate rights in Sadberge, but I must postpone them to another volume.

Details of the Convenit.

The charter, commonly called the "Convenit," by which Bishop le Poor confirmed, and in some points enlarged, the privileges granted by the Conqueror to the Prior and Convent of Durham, bears reference extensively to certain rights enjoyed by the bishops, and which they considered themselves legally entitled to transfer to others; precisely in the same way that the sovereign had parted with his rights to the bishop.—It is agreed between us, says the bishop, on one part, and the before-mentioned prior and convent, on the other part, concerning pleas of the crown and those things which belong to such pleas in this form; namely, that all attachments shall be made by our bailiff and that of our successors, and by view of the bailiff of the Prior of Durham, who for the time shall be; and afterwards they shall be presented in our court and in that of our successors, and if the imparlance be either for homicide or any other matter for which imprisonment is due, according to the law of the land, the prisoners shall be kept in the bishop's prison, until judgment thereupon shall be given in the court of the same bishop, or until they shall be bailed, if they be bailable. And if they have transgressed wherefor they ought to lose life or member, the execution of the judgment shall be by the bishop's bailiffs; but if any free man of the land or fee of the prior be convicted of felony, or be unwilling to stand judgment, wherefor he ought to lose his land for the felony, the bishop shall hold the said land for one year and one day, and out of the issues of the same land, and the chattels and waste of the felon or felons, the bishop shall have one moiety by the hand of the bishop's bailiff; but after a year and a day shall elapse, the prior or the chief lord of the said felon shall have the same land as his escheat; and all amerciaments and profits arising from pleas of the crown, from assays, and from all other pleas which shall be determined by judgment or fine, or agreement in the court of the bishop, concerning the lands or fees of the prior, shall be divided, without difficulty or delay, between the

bishop and the prior. To the pleas of the justice, concerning all pleas, all free men shall come from the land or fee of the prior, and the reve and four men from every vill; and as often as pleas of the justice shall be held for all pleas in Yorkshire, the bishop shall as often cause pleas to be holden in his bishopric by his own bailiffs. And if the bishop's men in Norhamshire shall come to plead before the justices of Durham, the prior's men of Norhamshire shall come there and plead in the court of the bishop before his justices, as aforesaid; and if the bishop's men of Norhamshire shall plead before the justices at Norham, the prior's men of Norham shall go there, and plead before the justices of the bishop, as aforesaid; and all the amerciaments and profits arising from the men and lands or fees of the prior, shall be divided between the bishop and the prior, as aforesaid. And if any one shall become an approver in the court of the prior, and shall appeal any of his companions, he shall be delivered immediately to the bailiff of the bishop; so also, if any approver in the court of the bishop shall appeal any one of the men in the land or fee of the prior, the imparlance shall be determined in the court of the bishop; and whatsoever profit shall arise therefrom shall be divided as aforesaid; and if any one in the land or fee of the prior shall be amerced in the court of the bishop, in the presence of the bishop's bailiff, by the oath of two free men from the land of the bishop, and two from the land of the prior, he shall be amerced according to the extent of the offence; saving to a free man his contiguous tenement, saving to the merchant his merchandize, and saving to the rustic his wain-house. Also, concerning wreck, it is agreed between us on the one part, and the said prior and convent of Durham, on the other, viz., that wreck of the sea, wheresoever it shall be found on the land or fee of the prior, shall be divided between us and our successors and the prior of Durham for the time being; nevertheless, all the customs of ships on the water of Tees shall remain to us and our successors for ever, without any contradiction by the said

prior and convent, saving to the prior and monks the passage of their own barks at Billingham. Also, the prior shall have freely his court, with soc and sac, and tol, and them, and infangenethef, and with all things thereunto pertaining; except pleas of the crown, and pleas of land moved by the writ of the bishop, or of the Lord the King, during the vacancy of the see. Saving for ever to the prior and his successors, and their men, who in court shall have a writ of right; but if any one in the land or in the fee of the prior shall be attached by the bailiffs of the bishop for any thing pertaining to the court of the prior, the prior or his bailiff may demand and have his court without contradiction, if he shall demand it and name the time and place; but if a robber shall be taken in the land of the prior and shall be tried in his court, the execution of the judgment shall be done by the bailiffs of the prior at the gallows of the bishop, freely and without contradiction. Likewise, when a duel shall be adjudged in the court of the prior, or when any one in the same court shall be condemned to the pillory or tumbrel, the execution of the judgment shall be done by the bailiffs of the prior, and without impediment, at the place and pillory and tumbrel of the bishop. The customs of brewery, and false bread, and false gallon, and false weight, and false measure, by the men of the prior, at Elvet and at the Oldburgh, shall remain to the monks of Durham freely and entirely for ever; so, nevertheless, that if the men of the same places shall be found in the borough of the bishop with false bread, or false gallon, or false weight, or false measure, justice shall therefrom be done by the bailiffs of the bishop; and if, therefrom, amerciaments, or a fine, or any profit shall arise, they shall be divided between the bishop and the prior; but the aforesaid men of Elvet and the Oldburgh, belonging to the prior, may use the same weights and measures which the men of the bishop use in the borough of Durham. Also, we have granted, and by the present charter confirmed to the Prior and Convent of Durham that they

may have the chapel of Cornale, with all the appurtenances, belonging to the mother church of Norham, and the chapel of Anecroft, with all the appurtenances, belonging to the mother church of Islandshire to their own use for ever.

Instance of acknowledgment of the Palatinate rights in the time of Bishop Stichell.

During the episcopate of Robert de Stichell, the Palatinate rights of the bishop, between the Tyne and the Tees, were acknowledged by King Henry III. more than once ; one remarkable case must be mentioned. The manor of Gretham, within the wapentake of Sadberge, became forfeited by Peter de Montfort for treason, and the King immediately seized it, on the ground that all forfeitures within the liberties of Durham belonged to the crown, and granted it to Thomas de Clare. The bishop protested against the grant, and presented his claim to the King for the forfeited manor as belonging to his see, where, under the *jura regalia* of his Palatinate, he was entitled to all forfeited lands, as the King was in right of his crown, in other parts of his realm. The bishop's claim having been considered by the King's Council, it was adjudged by them that the King could not make such a grant without doing wrong to the bishop and his church, and injuring the prelate's franchise, in which he had *jura regalia.* Upon this decision, the King revoked his grant to Clare, and forthwith granted that the bishop should do his pleasure in the said manor, and in the other lands and tenements within his regality, and should take and hold all lands forfeited and escheated within his franchise, as the King did with other lands forfeited to the crown. These letters patent are dated at Stratford on the 23rd of May, in the 51st year of that King's reign.

Solution of certain doubts thrown thereupon.

Hutchinson, who seems to dispute the Palatinate rights of the bishops whenever he has an opportunity, endeavours, in his History of Durham (vol. i. p. 265), to show, that notwithstanding the recorded opinion of the King and his council, that the bishop was entitled to the manor of Gretham by the forfeiture of Peter de Montfort,

for high treason, the bishop took the said manor by grant from Peter, son of the said Peter de Montfort, and not as a forfeiture. The charter[1] on which he founds this opinion is not only without any date, but is certainly very peculiarly worded; it makes no reference whatever to Robert de Stichell in the capacity of Bishop of Durham. Peter gives and confirms to "domino Roberto de Stychill" the whole of the manor of Gretham, in the diocese of Durham, with the advowson of the church of the same town, homages, wardships, reliefs, escheats, rents, and services, as well of freeholders as villeins, and all other appurtenances; to hold and to have entirely and without any retention, *to the said Robert, his heirs and assigns*, freely, quietly, hereditarily, for ever of the chief lords of the fee, doing therefor to the same lords the services due and accustomed. "And," the charter continues, "I the said Peter, and my heirs, to "the same '*dominus*' *Robert, his heirs and assigns*, the "whole manor aforesaid, with all appurtenances afore-"said, against all men and women, do warrant." Now if this had been a grant to the bishop for the purpose of securing the title which he had legally acquired by forfeiture, surely there would have been some allusion to the see of Durham and to the bishop and his successors. I cannot bring myself to believe that this charter tends to derogate from the dignity of the palatinate, or that there was any legal doubt as to the bishop's not being fully invested with *jura regalia* within the wapentake of Sadberge, in which Gretham lies, and that Peter de Montfort's grant was to cure the defect of a doubt that had arisen. It is evident from the king's letters above referred to, that Peter de Montfort was a rebel, and attainted, that the king seized the manor of Gretham, not knowing it to be in the bishop's franchise, and that the bishop claimed it as his right by escheat, and not by charter; if he had merely claimed it by

[1] It is printed in a note in Hutchinson's History of Durham, vol. i. p. 265.

charter the king would have taken possession legally, but the prelate claiming it through his Palatinate right, the king was obliged to give way.

There is, however, another view of the question, which seems to remove the difficulty that Hutchinson has raised. There is no doubt that the King's charter annulled his grant to Thomas de Clare, on the grounds that the manor of Greatham was within the Bishop of Durham's franchise of Haliwarkefolk, where he enjoyed *Jura regalia.* The charter also permits the bishop to have his will in the said manor in like manner as the King might have in the lands that had been forfeited to him. It was, however, agreed by the "Dictum of Kenil-" worth," made in the year 1267, after the battle of Evesham, that those who had been disinherited for treason might redeem their lands by pecuniary fine, to be fixed according to the extent of the offence. It is well known that all persons who had been in rebellion availed themselves of the privilege awarded by the "Dictum of "Kenilworth," and the manor of Greatham, being restored to Peter de Montfort, was probably granted by him to the bishop in lieu of a pecuniary mulct.

The Episcopate of Robert de Lisle.

During the episcopate of Robert de Insula or Lisle nothing of any moment occurred either to extend or diminish the Palatinate; but it is evident that the bishop exercised rights over all his possessions within the franchise of Durham similar to those granted to the priory and convent in the Convenit. These, with many other privileges, descended to Anthony Bek, and he was not the man to allow any of them to be lost by *non user.* This will be apparent from the sketch which has here been given of his episcopate.

Question whether the privileges of the Palatinate in the time of Bishop Bek were as extensively enjoyed by Bishop Kellawe.

Indeed, it may be fairly assumed that during his rule the Palatinate had acquired, either by charter or encroachment, its most extensive privileges; but it may be questioned whether all of them were exercised by his successor, Richard de Kellawe. The franchises had been three times seized by Edward I., and remained in his hands at his death. When Edward II. restored them to

Bek, he excepted certain royal rights, which Bek in all probability had exercised before the first seizure by the King's father. Be this, however, as it may, the Register now printed shows what were the Palatinate rights, unchallenged by the crown, during the early part of the fourteenth century. These rights, as enjoyed by Bishop Kellawe, will be commented on in the Preface to the next volume.

Full recognition of the Palatinate under Bishop Beaumont.

During the episcopate of Louis Beaumont (Kellawe's immediate successor) the Palatinate rights were fully recognized. There is, however, an amusing document extant, in which Edward II. severely reproves the bishop for his negligence in defending his franchise. The King reminds him that when his kinsmen and friends urged his appointment, they asserted that his predecessor (Kellawe) had, through his lukewarmness, greatly neglected the protection of those parts; but that if he (Beaumont) were chosen, he would defend them "velut "Murus Lapideus." The King's letter, indeed, is so remarkable that I give a translation of it.[1]

Letter of Edward II. reproving Bishop Beaumont for not defending the county against the Scots.

"Edward, by the grace of God, King of England, &c., to "the venerable father in Christ, Louis, by the same grace, "Bishop of Durham, greeting. We bear in mind that "during the lifetime of Richard, your predecessor of "good memory, it was frequently said of him reproach- "fully by our beloved and faithful cousin, Henry de "Beaumont, your brother, and your other friends and "kinsmen, that it was through the negligence and luke- "warmness of your said predecessor that portions of "your bishopric had so often been wasted by the Scots, "our enemies and rebels; and that if you or any of your "noble kinsmen had had the government of the same "church of Durham, you would have safely defended "those parts, like a stone wall, against the aggression of "our said enemies, by the power of yourself or others "of your noble race. But behold! we now positively

[1] Rymer's Fœdera, iii. 994.

" know that, through your default, negligence, and " lukewarmness, greater damage has happened, and still " daily happens, in parts of your bishopric, and the other " neighbouring places, than in the time of your aforesaid " predecessor, notwithstanding the promises of advice " and assistance offered by you, your kinsmen, and " friends. And because we are unwilling to deceive you " in this matter (to which we sorrowfully refer), we " command you, all other things being laid aside, to " repair, with the assistance of your friends and kins- " men, to those parts of your bishopric, with horses and " arms, without delay; the men-at-arms to be effectively " and properly armed for the due defence of your said " bishopric and the adjacent parts, against the aggres- " sion of our said enemies and rebels, and to remain " there with the said armament until we shall otherwise " direct; and that in returning this letter by the bearer, " you do inform us in writing what you are about to " do. Witness ourselves at Pontefract, on the 10th day " of February. By the King himself." (Rot. Claus. 16 Edw. II. m. 14. dors.)

Exception of the bishopric in a Statute of Edw. II.

It may be mentioned here that in the Statute "De Prerogativa Regis," passed in the 17th of Edward II., touching wardships, an exception is made of the fee of the bishopric of Durham between Tyne and Tees.

The bishop's successful claim of forfeitures.

If Bishop Beaumont neglected the protection of the Palatinate against foreign invasion (which, it is not clear he did, for he rebuilt the walls around Durham), he certainly cannot be upbraided for not looking after its profits. Riches were the grand object of his pursuit. Immediately after the accession of Edward III. he prosecuted his claims before the King in Parliament. He set out in his petition that he and his predecessors, time out of mind, had "jura regalia inter aquas de Tine et " Tees, et in Norhamshire et Bedlingtonshire in comitatu " Northumbriæ; et eadem jura regalia per se et ministros " suos proprios ibidem exercuerunt, et de omnibus et sin- " gulis infra aquas prædictas et in prædictis locis emer-

" gentibus, per se et ministros suos justiciam fecerunt." and denied the King's right, or that of his ministers, to intermeddle there, except in his default of doing justice. He also set forth that he ought to have forfeitures of war there ; and that his predecessor, Bishop Bek, having caused Bernard's Castle, upon the forfeiture of John de Balliol, and the manor of Hert and Hertness, upon the forfeiture of Robert de Brus, to be seized, he held them peaceably for a time, until Edward I. caused them to be resumed, " sine judicio ipso non vocato "; pretending that the forfeitures there, as well as elsewhere, belonged to him, notwithstanding the charter, made by Henry III. in the 51st year of his reign, concerning Gretham, and therein recited. Whereupon, the answers to divers of the bishop's petitions in that parliament, &c. being examined, and nothing found therein to exclude the bishop from having relief, the following judgment was given :—" Concordatum est per nos et totum concilium " nostrum, in dicto parliamento nostro, quod præ- " dictus episcopus habeat libertatem suam de hujus- " modi forisfacturis, juxta tenorem et effectum cartæ " prædictæ proavi nostri. Intentionis tamen nostræ et " concilii nostri non existit, quod aliqui qui terras seu " tenementa de hujusmodi forisfacturis, ex concessione " progenitorum nostrorum, jam tenent, de eisdem terris " et tenementis, absque responsione, amoveantur." In accordance with the parliamentary decision, Robert de Lisle, custos of the forfeited lands claimed by the bishop, was directed to withdraw the King's claim to the lands and tenements within the franchise of the bishop, and in Norhamshire and Bedlingtonshire ; and the Constable of Bernard's Castle, and the Bailiff of Hert and Hertness were ordered to cease interfering within the bishop's liberty. Bishop Beaumont, however, was not satisfied ; he required something more, and exhibited another petition to the King in Parliament. This, too, had a favourable issue, and the King commanded that no officer of the crown should serve a royal writ within the

liberties of the Palatinate, except in default of the Bishop. Beaumont's acts and proceedings regarding his Palatinate, cannot now be traced as his Register and Chancery rolls have not been duly preserved. Those of his successor, Richard de Bury, however, throw much light on the history of the Palatinate. Instances of his maintenance of the *jura regalia* are abundant throughout his rule. The portion of his Register which is still extant, and the rolls of his chancery, prove that he rigorously upheld his court of chancery and court of pleas, granted pardons for felonies, outlawries, and trespasses, appointed his sheriffs, undersheriffs, clerk of the crown, clerk of the peace, and all other officers within the Palatinate, enjoyed admiralty jurisdiction, and appointed a vice-admiral and other subordinates within his franchise, appointed conservators of the peace, and of rivers, for preserving the fry of salmon and other fish, and abating weirs and other erections in streams; he had also the duty or prisage of wines, and ulnage of cloth, within the ports and other places of the Palatinate. By virtue of "*jura regalia*" he controlled the array, arming, and equipment of soldiers in his liberty, granted licences to purchase in mortmain, and issued his precept to prevent the introduction of papal bulls and other instruments prejudicial to the King and the realm, and for arresting provisors intruded into ecclesiastical benefices by the authority of the Roman See.

Bishop Bury's maintenance of the *jura regalia*.

During the government of Bishop Hatfield the prerogative rights of the bishop were fully exercised. Like Kellawe and Bury,[1] he taxed his people when it was for their benefit; such as for paying the expenses attendant on the completion of truces, and carrying on the war against Scotland. He, moreover, ordered tolls to be paid on merchandize coming into Durham, to defray the

Bishop Hatfield maintains the *jura regalia*.

[1] Hutchinson states, without giving his authority, that there is a record of a process for levying money for buying a truce with Scotland, as to which truce it is thus expressed "De communi concilio et unanimi "consensu totius communitatis do- "minii et libertatis nostræ regiæ "Dunolm. et Sadberg' consensum "sit solvere eidem, 160*l.*"

charge of paving and repairing the walls of the city. In fact, like his predecessor, he exercised the rights of a king throughout his franchise.

Bishop Fordham did the same, and procured from Richard II. two confirmations of his Palatinate privileges.[1] Walter Skirlaw was not behind his predecessors in maintaining the Palatinate rights; and Langley obtained from the King a confirmation of the liberties and privileges which had been granted to the bishops by the several

Bishop Fordham procures royal confirmation of his rights.

[1] On the 16th of December in the 7th year of his reign, Richard II., reciting that the then bishop John and his predecessors held and possessed the city and castle of Durham, the manor and wapentake of Sadberge, and the manors and vills of Auckland, Middleham, Derlyngton, Stokton, Esyngton, Houghton, Chester in le Strete, Gateshead, Ryton, Langchester, Evenwode, Fulbey, Morley, Stanhope, and Wolsingham, with the appurtenances within the country and precinct called "Episcopatum et "libertatem regalem Sancti Cuth- "berti Dunelm. inter aquas de Tyne "et Tese," and also the castle and vill of Norham, and the manor of Bedlington, with the appurtenances, as parcel of the said liberty beyond the Tyne towards the north; and also divers other lands, tenements, rents, services, knight's fees, advowsons of churches and the patronage of churches, as well collegiate as parochial, hospitals, chantrys, waters, fisheries, and divers other possessions, temporal and spiritual, as well within the country and precinct of the aforesaid bishopric, as within the country and precincts called Norhamshire and Bedlingtonshire, together with the moiety of the two waters of Tyne and Tees towards the bishopric aforesaid, and divers fisheries and profits in the same moieties, as parcel of the same bishopric and royal liberty and possessions of the church aforesaid, together with the entry, loading, and unloading, of ships, barges, and other vessels in the said waters, and the moiety of the same waters on the side of the said bishopric, "cum "dominio et libertatibus comitis "palatini," and with all manner of other lordships, liberties, rights, profits, pleas, jurisdictions, and royal prerogatives in all parts, precincts, and places aforesaid, and with all manner of things pertaining thereunto; the king, desiring the security and perpetual quiet of the said church, the said bishop, and his successors, grants to the said bishop and his church aforesaid, all and singular the said city, castle, towns, manors, and wapentakes, &c., "cum dominio et libertatibus co- "mitis palatini," and all manner of lordships, liberties, rights, profits, pleas, jurisdictions, and royal prerogatives, in all the aforesaid lands, &c. By another charter of the same date, the king, reciting the charter of Henry III., relative to forfeitures of war and the confirmation thereof to Bishop Beaumont, confirms the same to bishop Fordham with the clause of *non user*.

sovereigns of the realm ; as well as a confirmation of the judgment given by Parliament touching the liberties of the Palatinate. These immense privileges, however, were not agreeable to the King ; he considered them too extensive for a subject to possess, and issued a commission to inquire into the prerogatives of the see. The inquiry was carried on with great violence on the part of the royal commissioners ; but it ended in a confirmation of immunities and privileges of the County Palatine and the bishop's regal authority and rights.

King Richard's commission of inquiry.

Several bishops did nothing to extend the Palatinate.

Neither Nevill, Booth, Dudley, Sherwood, nor any of their successors did anything in extension of the Palatinate ; these several prelates who filled the chair of Durham were content to enjoy what their predecessors had gained, rather than seek for further rights.

Wolsey did not enforce his rights.

Cardinal Wolsey, during the time he presided over Durham, seems to have permitted some of his Palatinate rights to abate ; although his attention was called to the fact by his temporal chancellor, William Frankeleyn, who urged him to obtain in parliament a new confirmation of those rights : " And that it may be enacted, " your Grace and your successors to have and enjoy all " manner of liberties, prerogatives, regalities, profits, " commodities, escheats, and forfeitures of war, as well " by land as sea, within the bishopric of Durham, " betwixt the waters of Tyne and Tees, Creak, Bedling- " ton, Norham, and Islandshire, in as ample form and " manner as the King's Grace hath elsewhere within any " part of his realm." The recommendation of Chancellor Frankeleyn, however, does not appear to have been followed by the Cardinal. On his removal from Durham, Cuthbert Tunstal was translated thither from London : it was during his time that Durham, by statute 27 Hen. VIII. c. 24, lost a portion of its *jura regalia*, viz., the prerogative of pardoning treasons and felonies.[1]

Loss of a portion of them under Bishop Tunstal.

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[1] It is enacted " that no person or " persons of what state or degree " soever they be, from the 1st day " of July 1536, shall have any power

An attempt was made by Act of Parliament in the reign of Edward VI. to subvert the Palatinate entirely, by dividing the bishopric into two; but that could only be done by depriving Tunstal, the existing prelate, of his see. Tunstal was accordingly deprived and imprisoned in the Tower of London on a charge of conspiracy. The project was to found a new bishopric, on the ground, "that "the extent of the diocese of Durham was too large, and "reached to so many distant shires that it could not be "well governed by one bishop, and therefore the King "intended to have two bishoprics for that diocese; one "at Durham, which should be endowed with 2,000 marks "annual rent, and another at Newcastle, which should "have 1,000 marks revenue; and also to found a cathe-"dral church at Newcastle, with a deanery and chapter "out of the lands of the bishopric." The ancient see of Durham, therefore, was to be utterly extinguished and dissolved.[1] The death of the King, however, prevented

Act of Edward VI. for dividing the see.

"or authority to pardon or remit "any treasons, murders, manslayers, "or any kinds of felonies whatso-"ever they be, &c.; but that the "King's Highness, his heirs and "successors, kings of this realm, "shall have the whole and sole "power and authority thereof united "and knit to the imperial crown of "the realm, &c., any grants, usages, "and prescriptions, Act or Acts of "Parliament, or any other thing "to the contrary hereof, notwith-"standing." By the third clause it was enacted "that in every county "palatine and other liberty within "the realm, all original and judicial "writs and all manner of indict-"ments of treason, felony, or tres-"pass shall be in the King's name, "and not in the name of the owner "of such palatinate."

[1] As the Act of Edward VI. has never been printed I have thought it advisable to insert it here.

Exhibita est Regie Maiestati in Parliamento predicto Billa quedam formam actus in se continens.

Where the Byshoppryke of Durham ys at this p'nte time voyde of a Byshoppe, so as the gifte thereof remainethe in the Kinge Maiestie most good and gracyous pleasure to bee dysposed and bestowed as to his princely wisedome shall seame beaste and most convenient. And forasmuche as the cyrcuite and compace of thordynarye jurisdiction of the sayd Byshopryk ys lardge and greate and extendethe into many shieres and counties, and thone of them being so farre dystant from thother, so as the chardge thereof may not conveniently bee supplyed, and well and sufficiently dischardged

this separation, and Tunstal was released from his imprisonment upon the accession of Queen Mary, and restored to his see. The Act of Edward VI. for dissolving

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by one Ordynarye or one Byshoppe. And forasmuch as the Kinge Ma^tie^ of his most godly dysposition ys desirous to have Goddes most holy and sacredd Woorde in thos partyes adioyning to the borders of Scotlande being now wylde and barbarous for lacke of good doctrine and godly educac'on in good l'res and learning plentifully taught, preached, and set foorthe amongest his loving subiectes ther as thanckes be vnto God the same ys well exersysed and put in vse in divers other p'ties of this Realme, doethe therfore mynde and ys fully determyned to haue twoo seuerall ordynarye Seas of Bishoppes to be erected and establyshed within the lymytes boundes and jurisdicc'ons of the said Bishopprick of Durham, whereof thone shalbee called the sea of the Bishoprick of Durham, and thother the sea of the Byshoprick of Newcastell vpon Tyne, and tappoint twoo apte, meete, and godly learned men in Goddes holy Woorde to be Bishoppes of the same seuerall dyoces and to endowe them seuerally withe manours, landes, tenementes, and other hereditaments, with suche good and honourable lyberties and priuelege as shalbe mete and convenient for any of the Kinge subiectes to haue oor enioye; that is to say, the sayd Bishopricke of Durham, withe manours, landes, tenementes, and other heredytamentes of the clere yerely valours of twoo thowsande marckes. And the sayd Bishoprike of Newcastell, withe manours, landes, tenementes and other hereditamentes of the clere yerelye value of one thowsande marckes. And also to make the sayd town of Newcastell vpon Tyne one cytye, whiche shalbe called the Cytye of Newcastell vpon Tyne. And to prouide and appoint ther one Churche whiche shalbee called the Cathedrall Churche of Newcastell vpon Tyne, and the Sea of the Bishoprike thereof. And also to erecte and make one deanrye and chapter ther, and to endowe the same withe convenient possessions and hereditamentes for the mayntenance thereof. And to make statutes and ordenances for the better ordering of the sayd deanrye and chapter, whiche good and godly intente and purpose can not conveniently bee fully finished and p'fected but by theyde and aucthor:tee of p'leament. Be it therfore inacted by thaucthorite of this p'leament, that the said Bishoprike of Durham, to gyther withall thordynarye jurisdic'ons therunto belonging and apperteining, shalbe adiudged from hensforthe clerely dissolved, extinguished, and determined. And that the King, our Souereyne Lorde, shall from hensfoorthe haue, holde, possede, and enioye, to him, his heires and successoures for euer, all and singler honnoures, castelles, manoures, lordeshippes, granges, meases, landes, tenementes, meadowes, pastures, rentes, rever'ions, seruices, wooddes, tythes, pensions, portions, p'sonages, appropriated vicarages, churches and chappelles, and advowsons, no'iac'ons, patronages, annuitees, rightes, interestes, entrees, cond'nons, co'mens, leetes, courtes, lyberties, pryvyleges, franchesyes and other hereditamentes whatsoeuer whiche dothe apperteine or belong to the sayd Bishoprike of

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" ham, by the authority of Parliament, is fully and
" wholly revived, erected, and has its being, in like

Durham, in as large and ample maner and fourme as the late Bishoppe of the sayd Bishoprike, or any of his predecessoures Bishoppes ther had helde or occupyed, or of right ought to haue hadd holden or occupyed in the right of the sayd Byshoprike to gyther withall thissues and profettes rising, coming, and growing of the premisses, and of euery parcell of the same from the time of thadvoydance of the sayd Bishopricke of Durham. And be it also enacted by thaucthoritee aforesayd, that all and singler the sayd honoures, castelles, manoures, landes, tenementes, and other the premisses shalbe adiudged and demed to bee in the Kinge Ma^ties roiall and actual possession, without any office or other inquysition therin to bee hadd or taken. Sauing to all and euery p'son and p'sons, bodies politike and corporate, their heires and successoures, and theires and successoures of euery of them, other then the late Byshoppe of Durham aforesayd, and his successoures, and suche p'sons and theire heires as pretende to bee patrones or donoures of the said Bishoprick of Durham or of any manours, landes, tenementes or other hereditamentes belonging to the same Bishoprike of Durham, all suche righte, title, clayme, interest, possession, rent charge, annuitees, leases, fermes, offices, fees, lyveryes and lyvinge, porcons, pensyons, corodies, comens, synodes, proxies and other profites whiche they or any of them haue clayme ought, may or might haue hadd in or to the premisses, or to any parte or parcell therof in suche lyke maner, fourme, and condic'on to all intentes, respectes, construcc'ons and purposes as yf this acte hadd neuer been hadd ne made. And for the better corroborac'on and p'fecting of thereccons and stablyshmentes of the said twoo newe Byshopprickes, that ys to saye, thone of Durham and thother of Newcastell vpon Tyne, whiche the Kinge Maiestie mindethe p'ntly to doo and taccomplyshe by his most gracyous l'res patentes, and tappointe them seuerally by the sayd l'res patentes, their episcopall and ordinarye jurisdicc'ons, circuites and aucthoritees. Be it therfore enacted by thaucthoritee of this p'nte p'leament, that the sayd l'res patentes concerning the said seuerall ereccons and thendowmentes of the sayd deanrye and chapter of Newe Castle vpon Tyne, and the making of the said towne of Newcastell vpon Tyne a cytye, and all and euery thing in the same seuerall les patentes to be conteined for thaccomplishm^te of the same shalbe good and avayleable in the lawe to all intentes, constructions and purposes according to the tenour, fourme, and effecte of the same seuerall l'res patentes, and according to the true meaning of this acte agenst the King, his heires and successoures. Prouided alway that this acte or any thing therin conteyned shall not in any wise extende to gyve any interest, right, tytle, or possession to the Kinge Maiestie in and to the Cathedrall Churche of the sayd Byshoprick of Durham, nor in or to the deanrye and chapter of Durham, nor in or to any p'te or p'cell of the manoures, landes, and other hereditamentes whatsoeuer to the

" manner and form, to all intents and purposes, as it was " of old time used and accustomed." [1]

During the time that James Pilkington occupied the chair of Durham, the bishop's right to have forfeiture for high treason, as one of the *jura regalia*, was disputed by the crown; and an Act of Parliament was passed in the 15th of Elizabeth (c. 16), which enacted that the Queen, her heirs and successors, should have from that time all the lands and goods which any of the said persons attainted within the bishopric of Durham had, as against the bishop and his successors, "though he claimeth *jura regalia*, " and challengeth all the said forfeitures in right of his " church." Thus the see was deprived of the greatest right which it had been entitled to for many centuries. Several curtailments of the privileges of the Palatinate followed, and the power of the prelate became greatly restricted after the Reformation. Bishop Barnes impoverished the see to a very great extent. He alienated to the crown the royal franchise of Norham, with the castle and

Act of Queen Elizabeth depriving the bishop of forfeitures for treason.

Other losses of privileges.

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same deanrye and chapter in any wise apperteyning or belonging or being reputed or taken as p'te or p'cell of the possess'ons thereof severed and distinct from the sayd Bishoprike of Durham. But that the said deanrye and chapter shall from hensforthe remayne and continue in suche lyke fourme, condicon and effecte as the same now ys, any thing or matter conteined in this acte sowndyng to the contrary hereof in any wyse notwithestanding. And be it further enacted by thaucthoritee aforesaid, that the sayd Cathedrall Churche of Durham shall, from the tyme of therecc'on of the sayd Byshoprick of Durham, to bee erected by the Kinge l'res patentes as ys aforesayd, bee adiudged and taken to all intentes and purposes the Cathedrall Churche of the same Byshopricke. And lykewise the sayd Chirche to bee appointed by the Kinge l'res patentes to bee the Cathedrall Churche of Newcastell vpon Tyne, shall, from the time of thappointment therof by the Kinge l'res patentes as ys aforesayd, bee adiudged the Cathedrall Chirche of the Bishopricke of Newcastle vpon Tyne.

Cui quidem Bille perlecte et ad plenum intellecte per dictum dominum Regem ex aucthoritate parliamenti predicti sic responsum est.

Le Roy le veult.

[1] Stat. 1 Mar. c. 2. The Act is intituled, " An Acte for the Repeale " of two severall Actes made in the " seventh yere of King Edwarde the " Syxte, touching the dissoluc'on of " the bishoprick of Durham."

demesnes there, and demised large possessions to the Queen for long terms at very low rents.[1] The account this prelate gives of the inhabitants of his Palatinate is neither flattering nor truthful. It was evidently penned in a malicious spirit:—

Bishop Barnes's account of the people of the Palatinate.

"In the mean time, I assure your good lordship, the people of Northumberland are far more pliable to all good order than these stubborn, churlish people of the county of Durham, and their neighbours of Richmondshire, who show but, as the proverb is, *Jack of Nape's charity* in their hearts. The customs, the lives of this people as their country is, is truly savage; but truly such hast to amend (tho' it be for some) as is zelous; and yet none extremily shamed to any, otherwise than by threatening, which hath wrought *panicum timorem* in their minds, and in the clergy a good readiness to apply their travells to their callings; onely that *Augie stabulum* the church at Durham exceeds; whose stink is grievous in the nose of God and men, and which to purge far passeth Hercules' labors. . . . . I have an external shew of some dutiful obedience, but their dealings underhand are nothing less, so that I fear I shall be enforced to weary his honour and the lords with the reforming their disorders, which are more than as yet I am well able to undergo. Nevertheless I promise to do all my endeavours first even to the uttermost. . . . . The Lord of his endless and infinite mercies bless her highness; and as he hath stirred up her heart to tender my faithful travel in advancing virtue and religion, and in weeding out vices, and banishing popery, superstition, and the remainants of idolatry: whereby the malicious of this country are mervailously exasperated against me: and whereas at home they dare neither by words nor deeds deal undutifully against me, yet abroad they practice to deface me by all slanders, false reports, and shameless

[1] Hutchinson, vol. i. p. 569, gives a list of the lands and possessions of the bishopric which Bishop Barnes disposed of.

lies, though the same were never so inartificial or incredible, according to the northern guise, which is never to be ashamed, however impudently they bely and deface him whom they hate, yea, though it be before the honourablest. A vile kind of people. Pessimum hoc hominum genus, ex aliena invidia laudem sibi quærens." (Strype's Ann. ii. 482.)

Bishop Barnes's six successors did nothing to increase the power of the Palatinate.

Hutton, Matthew, James, Neile, Monteigne, and Howson did not attempt to increase the power of the Palatinate, but rather allowed it to decline; and during the episcopate of Thomas Morton the see was abolished, and the Palatinate seized by the parliamentarians. In the ordinance of the Lords and Commons for appointing the sale of bishops' lands for the use of the Commonwealth in 1646, it was provided,—

The see abolished during the Commonwealth.

"That whereas the late Bishop of Durham, and others "his predecessors, Bishops of Durham, have hitherto "exercised and enjoyed as counts-palatine sundry great "franchises, liberties, and jurisdictions, commonly called "*jura regalia;* that this ordinance, nor any thing "therein contained, extend not, nor be construed to "extend to give power or authority to the persons "herein named, or any of them, to sell, dispose, or in "any way to contract for the said *jura regalia,* belonging unto the said bishop or his predecessors, as counts-palatine, or any of them; but that the same shall "remain in the said trustees named in a late ordinance, "entitled, 'An Ordinance for the abolishing of archbishops and bishops within the kingdom of England "and dominion of Wales, and for settling their lands "and possessions upon trustees for the use of the Commonwealth, to be disposed of as both Houses of "Parliament shall think fit and appoint;' any thing "in this present ordinance to the contrary thereof "contained in any wise notwithstanding."

Jura regalia reserved.

Although the *jura regalia* appertaining to the Palatinate of Durham were by this ordinance forbidden to be disposed of, yet a great part of the possessions of the see

Sale of the episcopal property.

was sold. A petition was in the year 1650 presented to Parliament, praying that the courts of justice in the Palatinate might be re-established, and that the college and houses of the dean and chapter, which were empty and going to decay, might be employed for erecting a college school or academy for the benefit of the northern counties, which were so far distant from the universities; and that part of the lands of the dean and chapter might be applied by trustees to pious purposes. The petition having been favourably entertained by Cromwell, several others followed on the same subject, and in the year 1656 the Lord Protector and his Privy Council issued an order for founding and endowing a college at Durham out of the church lands, and on the 15th of May 1657 granted letters patent for that purpose. The scheme for erecting the college not being carried into full execution before Cromwell's death, his son Richard was addressed by the provost and fellows of the college to continue the favour and protection towards it which his father had shown. The grace and favour which were so requested were granted; but in less than two years the grant fell entirely to the ground, principally through the interference of the Universities of Oxford and Cambridge, which gave their reasons in Parliament against a third university being erected, and especially against the conferring of degrees there.

Foundation of a college at Durham by Cromwell.

Its failure.

It was not, however, until November 1660[1] that the palatine Bishopric of Durham was restored. John Cosin, Dean of Peterborough, was the prelate chosen on the occasion. During his episcopate, in the year 1666, the contest commenced between the bishop and the people of the Palatinate concerning their right to have representatives in Parliament. They had been admitted to that privilege during the Commonwealth, and were not now willing to relinquish it. Bishop Cosin, however,

Restoration of the Palatinate.

Contest between the bishop and the people of the Palatinate, relative to their right to have representatives in Parliament.

[1] The Statute 12 Car. II. c. 24. took away from the bishop, wardships, liveries, marriages, and all the other incidents of the feudal service pertaining to the Palatinate.

was firm in his objection, and succeeded in his opposition to the concession of that privilege;[1] but about two years after his death an Act was passed in the year 1673 (25 Charles II.) which enabled the County Palatine of Durham to send knights and burgesses to serve in Parliament.

Act enabling the Palatinate to send members to Parliament.

Bishop Cosin's successor, Nathaniel Lord Crewe, who was enthroned at Durham in 1674, was more attentive to the Palatinate rights than most of his immediate predecessors, and exercised them to the extent of his power, and in one instance, at least, exceeded his legitimate authority.

The Palatinate rights maintained by Bishop Crewe and his successors.

Talbot, Chandler, Butler, Trevor, Egerton, Thurlow, and Barrington continued to exercise their Palatinate rights but in the year 1836, when the then occupier of the see, William Van Mildert, died, it was determined, by the advice of Viscount Melbourne to His Majesty William IV., that the Palatinate jurisdiction should be detached from the bishopric. This scheme was entirely approved of by His Majesty's Commissioners "appointed "to consider the state of the Established Church with "reference to ecclesiastical duties and revenues." In their second Report to the King they state "their entire "concurrence in the propriety of that arrangement, "which they themselves had intended to suggest."

Scheme for detaching the Palatinate jurisdiction from the bishopric.

Pursuant, therefore, to Viscount Melbourne's suggestions, and the recommendation of the Church Commissioners, an Act of Parliament was passed in 1836 (6 Will. IV. c. 19) for separating the jurisdiction of the County Palatine of Durham from the bishopric of Durham. By that statute it was enacted that—"from and after the "commencement of this Act, the Bishop of Durham, for "the time being, shall have and exercise episcopal and "ecclesiastical jurisdiction only; and that the palatine

Act of 1836 vesting it in the Crown.

[1] The reader interested in this subject, which is both curious and instructive, will find the whole matter fully set forth in Hutchinson, vol. i. pp. 672–679.

" jurisdiction, power, and authority, heretofore vested in " and belonging to the Bishop of Durham, shall be " separated from the bishopric of Durham and shall be " transferred to and vested in His Majesty, his heirs, " and successors, as a franchise and royalty separate " from the crown, and shall be exercised and enjoyed " by His Majesty, his heirs and successors (as a separate " franchise and royalty), in as large and ample a manner " in all respects as the same has been heretofore ex- " ercised and enjoyed by the Bishop of Durham; and " that all forfeitures of lands or goods for treason or " otherwise, and all mines of gold and silver, treasure " trove, deodands, escheats, fines, and amerciaments, and " all *jura regalia* of what nature or kind soever, which, " if this Act had not passed, would or might belong to " the Bishop of Durham for the time being, in right " of the County Palatine of Durham, shall be vested in " and belong to His Majesty and his successors in right " of the same."

And thus this ancient episcopal Palatinate, after it had been in existence in its various forms for more than one thousand years, was dissolved, and its immense temporal powers, which had been often viewed with distrust and assailed by many of our sovereigns, merged into the crown.

Description of Kellawe's Register.

It is now necessary to give some description of the manuscript here in the course of publication. It is a large folio (about $13\frac{3}{4}$ inches long, by $9\frac{1}{2}$ inches wide), containing 365 leaves, or 730 pages. It is divided into six parts. The first, occupying 171 folios, or 342 pages, is devoted to the acts and proceedings of Bishop Kellawe, both as Bishop and Lord Palatine. The Colophon at the end of the first division is in an ancient, but not contemporary, hand. It is " Explicit registrum communium " literarum de tempore R. Kellawe."

The second portion, commencing on folio 172 and ending with folio 219, is filled with secular matters, such

as Royal Letters, Writs of Privy Seal, and original writs from the King and his justices to the Bishop of Durham, and his officers, on legal and palatinate affairs. The Colophon to this portion, written in a similar hand to that last mentioned, is "Explicit registrum brevium "Regis tempore R. Kellawe."

The third part, which begins on folio 220 and ends at folio 265, contains charters from the bishop as lord palatine, granting lands, wardships, wastes, free warrens, and privileges in the liberty of Durham; pardons for homicide and infractions of the peace; indentures of lease and release; final concords, &c. The Colophon runs thus, "Explicit Registrum Cartarum de tempore R. "Kellawe."

The fourth division, extending from folio 266 to folio 283, is of a very miscellaneous nature, but wholly on secular matters. The Colophon to this division is "Hucusque Kellawe et hic finitur."

The fifth division, which begins at folio 284 and ends with folio 308, is wholly of an ecclesiastical nature. It seems originally to have formed part of another volume, and to have been bound up with Kellawe's Register and the portion of that of his successor, Richard de Bury, beginning in 1338, in the fifth year of his episcopate.

The sixth division begins at folio 309 and ends with folio 365. It commences with this title, "Incipit Re-"gistrum de tempore magistri Johannis de Wytcherche "vicarii generalis domini Dunelmensis: incipit a data "literæ subsequentis." There is nothing in the title to show who the Bishop of Durham was to whom the Register belonged. The first instrument begins, "Ricardus, "permissione divina, Dunolmensis episcopus, &c.," and this may have led the person who prepared the volume for binding to suppose that it was Richard de Kellawe. The context, however, shows that Bishop Richard was Richard de Bury, and not Richard de Kellawe.

This portion of Richard de Bury's Register begins on

the 2nd of July in the fifth year of his episcopate, ending abruptly on the 16th of December in the ninth year of his episcopate; at one time it was, in all probability, equally as comprehensive as that of his predecessor Kellawe.

There is, immediately following Bury's Register, a single leaf of another, commencing, "Hic incipit Re-"gistrum pro tempore magistri Willelmi Legat," and another leaf connected with the election of Alexander de Neville as Archbishop of York in 1374.

At the end of the volume are two indexes, one of the names of persons and the other of places, compiled by the late Rev. Dr. Raine, and printed in the 30th Report to the Queen by the Deputy Keeper of the Public Records.

As this manuscript does not embrace the acts and proceedings of Louis de Beaumont, who held the see from 1318 to 1338, and only a portion of those of Richard de Bury, it is evident that the portion of the volume belonging to Bishop Bury must have been bound up[1] with the part containing the proceedings of Richard de Kellawe at some period long subsequent to the time at which the later register was written.

Loss of previous Registers.

From the words and mode in which Kellawe's Register commences, and the general appearance of the manuscript, there being no special title, it is certain that it is not the first record of the kind that was kept in the Palatinate of Durham.[2] The Registers of all Kellawe's predecessors have unhappily disappeared, as well as those of most of his successors; at least, they are not

[1] There is this marginal note, in a hand of the 16th century, "Memo-"randum quod hic deficiunt qua-"tuor primi anni Ricardi de Bury." It was probably written after the volume had been bound.

[2] Bishop Langley, in 1428, states that he had inspected the Register of Bishop Anthony Bek; and Bishop Kellawe in 1311, in answer to a letter from the Archbishop of York, claiming a pension for one of his clerks from the Bishop of Durham, states that he could not find in the Registers of any of his predecessors the recognition of such a right.

History of Kellawe's Register.

to be found in the episcopal archives of Durham.[1] Even Kellawe's Register was on the verge of being lost to the nation as a public muniment. It had strayed into private hands, and it was only owing to fortuitous circumstances that it was restored to the place from which it had been improperly removed. It had been borrowed in the year 1639–40 from the Cursitor's office by William Collingwood, an agent of the Earl of Newcastle,[2] for the alleged purpose of some lawsuit affecting the property of the Earl, and it remained in the hands of the borrower throughout the Civil War. By some means or other, not satisfactorily explained, it fell into the hands of the Earl of Oxford,[3] who appears to have parted with it to Osborne the bookseller,[4] as it is inserted in his Catalogue

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[1] The only Bishop's Registers now at Durham are those of Bishops Hatfield, Langley, Fox, and Tunstal. There are, however, extant many Registers belonging to the Dean and Chapter of Durham; but these are entirely distinct from the Episcopal Registers, and relate only to the possessions and proceedings of the Chapter.

[2] William Cavendish, Earl of Newcastle, created Marquess of Newcastle in 1643.

[3] An authority states that it was an agent of Lord Oxford who borrowed the book, to produce in evidence relating to some of his estates in Northumberland, and that "an accountable receipt was given "for the same and now remaining "in the Cursitor's office." The receipt was entered on the last leaf of a large paper book, commonly called the "Remembrancer's Book," in the Cursitor's office in the Chancery of Durham—"xiiij. die Martii "1639. Received by me, Wm. Col- "lingwood, of John Heath Kelloe's "Booke, for which I promise to "procure my Lord's warrant."

Underneath is written in another and a later hand, "Kelloe's Book "not returned into the office again." The original receipt ran thus: "Received by me Wm. Colling- "wood Kelloe's Booke, which I "promise shall *be safely delivered* "*agayne into the Chancerie of* "*Durham*." The words in Italics were afterwards erased.

[4] Catalogus Bibl. Harl. in locos communes distributus, cum Indice Auctorum. Londini apud Thomam Osborne, 1743–45. 5 vols. 8vo.

"Vol. 4, p. 854, No. 20,734. An ancient Register of the Bishopric of Durham, all written on vellum.

This is a large and valuable collection of charters, grants, letters, instruments, &c., by the kings, popes, archbishops, bishops, &c., concerning the ecclesiastical privileges, preferments, &c. in that diocese, during part of the reigns of Kings *Edward* II. and III.

of the Harleian MSS. in 1743, being numbered 20,734. Dr. Richard Rawlinson bought the volume of Osborne, and bequeathed it, among his other collections, to the University of Oxford[1] in the year 1752. It was numbered 1,368 in the Rawlinson Collection in the Bodleian Library. There it remained until the 15th of November 1810, when, on the application of Bishop Barrington, it was unanimously resolved in Convocation

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That is, from the entrance of *Richard de Kellawe*, upon the death of *Anthony Beck*, in 1310, the 4th of King *Edward* II., to the time of the said Bishop *Kellawe's* death, at *Middelham*, in 1316, as may be seen *fol.* 265, where it is written, *Explicit Registrum Cartarum de Tempore R. Kellowe.* After which follow a Charter of the Franchise Royal of the County Palatinate of *Durham*; also some Pleas before the King's Council in Parliament; some charters relating to the barony of *Gayneford* and *Bernard* Castle; with some other like records, concerning the said see or bishop thereof, as far as *fol.* 283, where it is written *Hucusque Kellowe*, et *hic finitur.* The latter part of this volume contains, The Register of *Richard de Bury*, Bishop of *Durham*, whose *love of books* was so great, that he wrote one upon that subject; and gave a public Library to the University of *Oxford.* This register of that bishop comprehends the whole time that *John de Wytchurch* was his vicar-general, and somewhat beyond. It begins about the fifth year of *De Bury's* consecration, *anno* 1338, and ends about the year 1342, two or three years before the said bishop's death. Between these registers are several lists bound up, containing an account of the ancient taxes of the churches in the Archdeaconry of *Durham*, also the ordination of priests of several degrees; the times when and places where they were ordained by the said Bishop *De Bury*, &c. The whole is a curious collection of antiquities, which might be very useful to illustrate the history of that see, or of those bishops."

[1] Gough in his Anecdotes of British Topograhy (i., 337) thus describes this book: "In the Bod- "leian Library, among the MSS. "bequeathed thereto by the late "Dr. Rawlinson, is the original "Register of Richard Kellow, "Bishop of Durham, being a thick "parchment folio of inestimable "worth. It contains a great num- "ber of charters, grants, surveys, "commissions, writs, &c., issued or "made by that prelate, together "with several letters, writs and "commissions, sent into the "bishopric by King Edward II., "not only in the time of Richard "Kellow, but before and after, "while it was in the hands of the "crown, besides other records "and instruments of considerable "value."

to restore it to the Chancery at Durham,[1] and it was deposited in its proper place on the 28th of February 1812.[2]

An unlucky destiny seems to have presided over the records of the Palatinate. On the restoration of Kellawe's Register into the Durham Chancery, it was found to be imperfect in several places; eleven leaves, after folio 10, have been abstracted, and, after folio 42, eleven other leaves have likewise been lost, as well as nineteen other folios in different parts of the MS., viz., folios 58, 65, 77, 83, 117, 159 to 162, 244, 247 to 257. The mutilation, in all probability, occurred while the volume was in private hands, and was perhaps perpetrated for the purpose of suppressing evidence unfavourable to the person into whose possession the manuscript had unfortunately come; the delinquent being probably actuated by a feeling similar to that which induced the executors of Bishop Cosin to destroy by fire no less than eight or nine large chests of documents belonging to the see of Durham, for the purpose of preventing any disputes which might arise about the bishop's estates.[3] Whether

Immense destruction of the Palatinate records.

[1] The following extract from the Convocation Records relating to the subject has been obligingly communicated to me by my valued friend the Rev. J. Griffiths, D.D., the present Warden of Wadham: "Die Jo- "vis decimo quinto die mensis No- "vembris anno Domini 1810. Pro- "ponente Domino Vice-Cancellario "ut Registrum Ricardi Kellow "episcopi Dunelmensis, quod inter "Codices Manuscriptos Rawlin- "sonianos in Bibliotheca Bodleiana "adservatur, Honorabili et Reve- "rendo admodum Episcopo Dunel- "mensi in manus tradatur, eo con- "silio ut in Archivis Curiæ Can- "cellariatus Dunelmensis suo loco "jam tandem reponatur, placuit "venerabili Domui huic quæstioni "consentire."

[2] "28th of February 1812. This "volume (Bishop Kellow's Re- "gister) was delivered to me by "the Rev. Henry Phillpotts, pre- "bendary of Durham and chaplain "to the Bp. of Durham. Henry "Donkin, Deputy Cursitor."

[3] Bishop Cosin made the History of the Church of Durham his peculiar study, and for that purpose took into his possession, for the purpose of compiling a work on the subject, all the grants to the see from its earliest period. These he seems to have abridged in the book which he compiled under the title of "Liber Rubeus," but he never

any of the missing Registers were a part of this nefarious holocaust, it is impossible to say; but it is unquestionable that the see of Durham does not possess one original episcopal record of ancient date.[1] All its Saxon and Norman grants have been lost or abstracted, without any hope of recovery. I do not, of course, include in this wide assertion the records of the Palatinate, which, until lately, were preserved in the Chancery at Durham, and are now in the Public Record Office, London. These, or at any rate a large portion, escaped the barbarous hands of the executors of the bishop; though it is to be feared that nearly all the muniments, anterior to the time of Bishop Hatfield, were consumed in that disgraceful conflagration. What tales of oppression and grievance would not the missing

returned the originals into the archives of Durham. These valuable muniments no doubt were among those which were consumed in the executors' fire.

[1] How differently have the documents which belonged to the Prior and Convent of Durham been treated. Mr. Raine states, "that "almost every paper, letter, and "deed, in connexion with the "Monastery of Durham, is still pre-"served." (Hexham, Illustrative Documents, p. ci.) It may be mentioned that, during the time Cardinal Wolsey held the see, there was a large quantity of Palatinate documents kept at Durham House in London. Mr. Frankeleyn, the Cardinal's temporal chancellor, speaks of them thus, "as may evi-"dently appear by divers exempli-"fications and confirmations as "wele remayning in the Exchecor "of Duresme Place at London, "and also all manner of grants and "confirmations of liberties made "and graunted by any of the "Kynges noble progenitours; copies "whereof at large appeareth in oon "exemplification under the brode "seal of King Henry 8th, remayn-"ing in a new coffere with other "munyments at Duresme Place in "London. After wryting this letter, "I remember to have seen certayne "munyments at Duresme Place in "London, which be necessary to "be had at this present parliament, "and especially oon bill of resti-"tution signed by King Edward at "the labour and contemplation of "my Lord Laurence than Bishop of "Durham, my Lord, God pardon "his sowll, leit me see the said bill, "and I remember wele the boxe "where he leyd it. And for as "moche as it is necessary the same "bill to be had at this tyme, and "for that per case hard it wold be "for any other to fyend it shortly, "being small and lying among so "manye wrytynges as it doth, I "thoght it very expedient to com "up myself for delyvery as wele "therof as of other munyments."

Registers have displayed. The National Records afford innumerable instances in proof of the truth of this; but the Durham Records, had they been complete, would have exhibited many more; let us, however, be thankful for those which have descended to us, and congratulate ourselves that the remaining muniments of this venerable and interesting Palatinate are now securely lodged among the National Archives of England, and are safe from further spoliation or conflagration, for the satisfaction of mercenary purposes and individual interest.

But to return to Kellawe's Register.—After its restoration to the muniment-room of the Palatinate, the volume was newly paged, and indexes made to its contents (as before mentioned), by the late Rev. James Raine, D.D., whose name and memory, in connexion with the history of Durham, will ever be gratefully remembered by posterity.

Removal of Kellawe's Register to the Public Record Office.

The volume having become the property of the Crown, by the separation of the Palatinate from the episcopate of Durham, by statute 6 William IV. c. 19, was, with the other muniments belonging to the Palatinate, removed from the late Cursitor's Office in Durham to the Public Record Office in London, in the year 1868. Since it has been under the charge of the Master of the Rolls, Kellawe's Register has been thoroughly repaired and rebound.

Its value for national and local history.

The volume is now printed, more especially as being of interest to the inhabitants of the Palatinate, both lay and ecclesiastical. It must not, however, be supposed that its importance is confined to the locality to which it more especially relates, as its title might lead one to suppose, for it abounds with striking and valuable materials illustrative of the general history of England; though, of course, the larger portion more especially bears reference to the northern parts of the kingdom. The table of contents, which follows this Preface, will give the reader some notion of the nature and importance of Kellawe's Register.

It was my intention to have here selected a few instances to show to what degree Kellawe's Register elucidates general and particular history, civil as well as ecclesiastical; but as this volume has extended to a much greater length than I had anticipated, I must reserve whatever I have collected in reference to those matters for my Preface to the Second Volume.

Norman French documents.

The few documents in the manuscript written in Norman French have been translated into English, pursuant to one of the regulations laid down by the Master of the Rolls in his instructions to editors employed in publishing the Government Series; but they are collected in an Appendix at the end of the volume, in order that the sequence of the different instruments might not be interrupted.

Orthography.

It is necessary to notice the peculiar orthography which prevails throughout the manuscript. An observable difference is apparent between the instruments which emanated from the Courts of London and Rome, and those which were issued from the Chancery of Durham. These differences, however, except in the peculiar mode of treating names of persons and places, have not been retained in print; as the whole has been transcribed, in conformity with the regulations above mentioned, according to the ordinary standard of classical Latin.

The forms in which proper names appear are especially deserving of notice. For instance, the word "Dunelmensis" in many of the Durham documents is spelt "Dunolmensis," while in the London and Roman instruments it is generally written "Dunelmensis." I say "generally," for the Durham scribe has occasionally departed from the orthography of the original which he was registering, and rendered the word in conformity with the Durham spelling, and *vice versâ*.

Again, the name of the place in Yorkshire now written "Howden" is, in the MS., unmistakeably spelt "Hoveden,"

and this would appear to be the correct mode, as it is found in other documents of that period spelt "Hofden," "Hofeden," and "Hofdeneschire."

Wherever the name of a person or a place is much distorted in the Durham orthography of the Register, the modern spelling will be given in the index.

Obscure passages.

The Latin phraseology too is often singularly awkward, and difficult to follow.[1] In many instances it is so obscure as to be unintelligible, except from the context. In such cases, where anything like sense could be arrived at, no substitute has been made in the way of improving the passage. In other instances, a few suggestions have been introduced from time to time; while again, several of the most hopeless passages have been reserved for notice at the close of the present Preface; if only by way of showing that they have not escaped the Editor's attention. The Latin of the Palatinate and some of the northern counties certainly differed from that of London, quite as much as the English dialects did in the two localities.[2]

The dates given in the printed text, which are according to the historical style, differ in some instances from those found in the MS., which are according to the ecclesiastical, civil, and legal mode of reckoning. The historical year commenced on the 1st of January, and the ecclesiastical, civil, and legal year on the 25th

[1] In addition to the occasional obscurity of the Latin and Norman French, the manuscript is frequently almost illegible, and the words are very much abridged; it therefore required great care and good scholarship to transcribe some of the more inflated and verbose documents. I mention these facts in order that Mr. Charles Trice Martin, of the Public Record Office, may receive full credit for the skill he has displayed in copying the manuscript, and having accomplished a very difficult and tedious task.

[2] Those who have been in the habit of reading manuscripts written in different countries will readily appreciate this statement. The Latin composed by an Italian, French, German, or Englishman will be generally recognized as such at once; especially when the writer thought in his own language, and then translated it into Latin.

of March. So that all the documents dated between the 1st of January and the 25th of March are seemingly dated in the printed text one year too late. For instance, in other words, the dates between 1st January and 25th March 1311 belong to 1312, according to the historical and the modern mode of reckoning; while the MS. places those months at the end of 1311, instead of the beginning of 1312.

PASSAGES referred to at p. cii.

The following are the more prominent passages above alluded to; the meaning of which, owing to the faultiness of the original text, is more or less debateable, if not positively obscure :—

Page 9, line 12.

. . quædam commisimus vobis viva voce plenius exponenda, cui fidem et credentiam velitis facere quibus in dicendis.

Page 24, line 24.

. . utpote nec per registra nec per aliquem qui præfati experientiam id agnovit vel vidit naturaliter informati, forsitan propter brevioris nostri temporis novitatem.

Page 31, line 20.

. . ac omnia et singula impedimenta, per nos aut alios, contra restitutionem eandem, si quæ fuerint nostris auctoritate, vice nostra vel mandato præstito, seu inattentata quaternus in præjudicium mandati apostolici et processum super hoc habitorum processerant, revocaverimus, communicato consilis peritorum.

Page 34, line 20.

. . eo vigilantius nostræ considerationis aciem convertere nos oportet, quo ex negligentia in easdem divino correpti periculosius subjacemus.

Page 39, line 26.

. . ipsique sic installare et inducere semper consueverant episcopos omnes et singulos, qui pro tempore fuerant Dunolmi, ipsique possessione vel quasi jure præmissa extendi, a tempore cujus contrarii memoria non exstat, exstitissent.

Page 49, line 2.

. . et etiam quod in regressu suo ab ultramarinis partibus, contra consilium quorundam qui suum ei proviserint patrocinium, si in eo quod de amonitione sua inchoaverat duxisset finaliter resistendum.

Page 51, line 4.

. . ad capellam de Tyllemowe, nostræ diœcesis, ut dicitur, vacantem, et ad præsentationem dilecti filii, domini Willelmi Rydell, militis, ut dicit, spectantem, idem miles nobis

dominum Johannem de Kelly prætendit, presbyterum litteratorie præsentavit.

Page 53, line 32.

. . inhibentes omnibus et singulis nostris subditis, qui in præmissis, vel eorum aliquo, quoscunque culpabiles esse noverint, ne cum eis communicent, nec in præmissis a juris casibus quovismodo, ut sibi saltem rubore suffusi ad reconciliationis gratiam citius inclinentur.

Page 81, line 8.

. . præsentatum admittimus, sibique id admittendi curam animarum rectorias ecclesiarum, quas monachi de Tynemuth' tenent in usus proprios in nostra diœcesi committimus.

Page 91, line 27.

. . pœnas pro defectibus compertis in eisdem, alias infra statutos ad hoc terminos correctis minime, vel suppletis, alias impositas commissas esse, pronunciandum super defectibus, quos in dictis visitatione [et] inquisitione reperiri contigerit, statuendum, ordinandum, et decernendum.

Page 106, line 11.

. . cupientes ex animo, inter subditos nostros, ut inanibus sumptibus se non vexent, jurgiorum seminaria et lites præedere.

Page 128, line 23.

. . et ad conveniendum de pretio quorumcunque per nos, vel nostros receptores, finaliter cum eisdem.

Page 129, line 32.

. . et subsequenter, eodem episcopo in remotis agente, quidam ejus vicarius generalis in dicta diœcesi, tecum, ut insistens studio literarum, non tenereris, inde ad septennium, ratione ipsius ecclesiæ, ad sacros, nisi ad subdiaconatus tantum ordines promoveri, juxta constitutionem felicis recordationis Bonifacii papæ VIII.

Page 141, line 35.

. . et de qua cujuscunque toto tenore habenda sit in nostris literis mentio specialis.

Page 142, line 28.

. . status mei et ecclesiæ meæ reformationem et in integrum restitutionem, damna, expensas, necnon interesse petendi et recipiendi.

Page 143, line 3.

. . ac etiam omnia alia et singula faciendi et exercendi, quæ ego facere possem, si præsens essem, etiam quandocunque mandatum exigant speciale, rem ratam haberi, inductum solvi pro eodem procuratore meo, et substituto seu substitutis ab eodem, sub hypotheca rerum mearum, expono cautiones.

Page 145, line 32.

. . sed nullum eis, quoad assecutionem aliorum ecclesiarum et beneficiorum, præjudicium generari; seu si aliquibus ab eadem sit sede indultum, quod ad receptionem vel provisionem alicujus minime tenentur, revertentur, et ad id compelli non possint, quodque de ecclesiis et beneficiis ecclesiasticis . . . cuiquam nequeat provideri.

Page 150, line 22.

. . districte præcipiendo mandamus, quatenus ipsi, et ipsorum quilibet, qui a prædicto Johanne, vel ejus procuratore, ejus nomine, fuerint requisiti, vel requisitus, ad vos,

ubicunque fueritis, et ad alios, et ad dictam ecclesiam, se personaliter conferant, et supradictas monitiones, præcepta, sententias et processus, et omnia alia quæ ipsis expedire videbitis, vobis, et cuilibet vestrum, conjunctim vel divisim, et aliis, quorum interest, vel poterit interesse, in præfata civitate et diœcesi Dunolmensi, et ad dictam ecclesiam de Gatesheved, et alibi, ubi expediens fuerit, denuncietis, legatis et publicetis, Johannem, vel procuratorem suum pro ipso, in eadem ecclesia, per dictum dominum papam eidem Johanni collata.

Page 151, line 12.

. . pro processu autem hujusmodi nolumus nec intendimus nostris præjudicare collegis, quominus ipsi, vel eorum alter, servato tamen hoc nostro processu, per se, vel alium, seu alios, possint in hujusmodi negotio, sicut eis, vel cuilibet eorum, videbitur expedire.

Page 162, line 35.

. . sed, quod non sine gravi cordis amaritudine referimus, detestanda quorundam iniquorum perversitas, abstinere nescientes a vetitis, qui tanquam salutis propriæ penitus immemores, tam mortem animarum suarum, quam aliorum, nefanda sævitia struunt, et cum suis complicibus moliuntur inconsutilem tunicam Domini, sanctæ, videlicet, ecclesiæ scindere unitatem, quorum nomina ignorantur, contra clericos nostros familiares, quibus, nobis impeditis, vices nostras, in officio visitationis archidiaconatus nostri Northumbriæ, per nostras certi tenoris literas, in forma juris commisimus, in verba vetita et schismatica, linguis suis, ut gladiis acutis, in contemptum disciplinæ ecclesiasticæ, prorumpentes, eisdem clericis nostris, in ecclesiis et locis aliis evocatis, ab ecclesiis et locis ipsis recedere vi et armis coegerunt.

Page 165, line 4.

. . Et circiter nos, communiter vel divisim, super præsentis executionem mandati, distincte et aperte per vestras patentes literas, harum seriem continentes, cum inde fueritis requisiti, reddatis certiores.

Page 193, line 28.

. . replicarunt, quod potius elegerunt, in difficultate tanti negotii, ex deliberatione consulere qua propter opere aliqui dicere vel agere unde possent in posterum redargui, et de dato consilio pœnitere.

Page 217, line 1.

. . sed plene per eundem, tam de facto quam de jure, possessioni ejusdem legitime incumbentem, nec processum vel sententiam seu decretum, de quibus constat non amotum.

Page 236, line 16.

. . venerabilis præfatus archiepiscopus, cui de prima gratia ad plenum innotuit, ac de inhibitionibus, reservationibus et decretis, habitis super illa, cujus insuper manus, virtute amplificationis prædictæ, et ipsius executione, ac decreti apostolici, quod in hoc casu ligare non ambigitur, ignorantes, ipsis non obstantibus, et antequam dicta amplificatio, et ipsius executoria, ac processus noster in hac parte, ad ipsius notitiam possibiliter deduci poterant, ipsam ecclesiam de Maydenstan cuidam suo physico, videlicet Magistro Stephano de Heselingfeld, alibi notorie beneficiato, de facto contulit.

Page 240, line 1.

. . vobis, ut supra, sub pœnis et censuris prædictis, quas vos, et vestrum quemlibet, secundum modum collatæ sunt, incurrere volumus ipso facto.

Page 286, line 28.

. . habito processu, qui in eodem negotio et juris ordine qui requiritur observato quod invenimus dictum magistrum Willelmum vicariam ipsam de facto tenere occupatam.

Page 436, line 28.

. . nec vestri processus continuari processui hujusmodi poteras quovismodo.

Page 584, line 2.

. . Et quod idem Johannes dictam Isabellam, sub pœna xl*s.*, apud Hoghton, abjuravit, quam commisit cum ipsa, notorie recidivans ; et iterum, sub pœna c*s.*, eandem, apud Middelham, abjurans, quam postmodum, similiter recidivando, commisit, prout coram nobis est judicialiter confessatus.

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An. Episc. 1.

Annus Primus.

A.D. 1311.

f. 1. Memorandum of death of Anthony, bishop of Durham.

Memorandum quod quinto[1] die Martii, anno Domini millesimo cccx°.,[2] obiit dominus Antonius, Dunolmensis episcopus,[3] et seisivit dominus rex episcopatum in manu sua, et xx°. die maii proximo sequente restituit dominus rex temporalia episcopatus Dunolmensis Ricardo nunc episcopo Dunolmensi.[4]

Restitution of temporalities to Richard, bishop of Durham.

Confirmatio domini Dunolmensis episcopi.

Archbishop of York's confirmation of the election of Richard de Kellawe as bishop of Durham.

Willelmus, permissione divina, Eboracensis archiepiscopus,[5] Angliæ primas, universis et singulis abbatibus, prioribus, archidiaconis, et eorum officialibus, decanis, rectoribus, vicariis, presbyteris et cæteris quibuscunque clericis et

[1] This date, 5th March, is obviously incorrect, as the king on the 3rd of March, while at Berwick-upon-Tweed, speaks of the bishop as *jam defunctus*, and seizes into his hands the goods, chattels, treasure, gold and silver, jewels and precious stones, belonging to the late bishop, as well as all the temporalities of the bishoprick of Durham. The king also, on the same day, grants the custody of the bishoprick to Robert Baignard and Robert de Barton (Rot. Fine, 4 Edw. 2. m. 11). Moreover the writ of *diem clausit extremum* is also dated on the 3rd of March (Inq. p. m. 4. Edw. 2, No. 45). If further proof were required that bishop Anthony died on the 3rd of March 1311, it will be found on the Bishops' Temporalities Roll, No. 604, where Robert de Barton, receiver of the issues of the bishoprick of Durham, accounts for the issues "a tertio die Marcii, anno " regni regis Edwardi, filii regis " Edwardi, quarto, quo die Anto- " nius de Bek, nuper episcopus " ejusdem loci, obiit;" also, on the Pat. Roll, 4 Edw. 2. m. 21, where, on the 4th of March, the king appoints Thomas Fissheburne and John de Donecaster, justices of pleas within the liberty of the bishoprick of Durham, then void and in the

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king's hand; and on the same day the king commits to Adam Brome the custody of the seal of the liberty of the bishoprick of Durham, then void and in the king's hand.

It may be here noticed that Adam de Brome was commanded on the 26th of March to deliver up the same seal to Adam de Middelton (Pat. Roll, 4 Edw. 2. m. 19).

[2] i. e. 1310, old style.

[3] Anthony Bek was elected bishop of Durham, 9th July 1283, and was consecrated on the 9th of January following. He died on the 3rd of March 1311.

[4] The license to elect a bishop in the room of Anthony, bishop of Durham, was given by the king on the 20th of March, and on the 11th of April the royal assent was given to the election as bishop of Durham of Richard de Kellawe, a monk of Durham; and the same was signified to William, archbishop of York (Pat. Roll, 4 Edw. 2. m. 19). On the 20th of May the temporalities were restored to Richard de Kellawe, the archbishop of York having confirmed his election as bishop of Durham, and the king having accepted the confirmation of the said archbishop (Pat. Roll, 4 Edw. 2. m. 9). He was consecrated at York on Whit Sunday 1311.

[5] William de Grenefeld, a canon of York and chancellor to king Edward I., was elected archbishop of York on 4th of December 1304, and died on the 6th of December 1315.

An. Episc. 1. quam devoti filii, pareatis humiliter, ut tenemini, ac etiam intendatis. Valete. Datum apud Rypon, [v. idus Maii, anno gratiæ M°ccc^mo undecimo, et pontificatus nostri sexto].[1] A.D. 1311.

Professio ejusdem. Universis pateat per præsentes, quod nos, frater Ricardus de Kellawe, electus Dunolmensis, post munus confirmationis electionis de persona nostra in episcopum et pastorem Dunolmensem, canonice celebratæ a venerabili patre domino Willelmo, Dei gratia, Eboracensi archiepiscopo, Angliæ primate, loci metropolitano, nobis auctoritate metropolitica impertitum, eidem archiepiscopo, suisque successoribus canonice intrantibus, et officialibus ac ecclesiæ Eboracensi, canonicam obedientiam et fidelitatem promisimus, juramento a nobis præstito corporali; ac de manibus dicti domini archiepiscopi totam jurisdictionem ipsius diœcesis in spiritualibus, cæteraque spiritualia, una cum sigillo officialitatis Dunolmensis, quæ omnia penes eundem archiepiscopum residebant, sede Dunolmensi vacante, recepimus, ut est moris, qui nos de præmissis corporaliter investivit; has literas patentes, ad æternam rei memoriam, eidem domino archiepiscopo Eboracensi fieri statuimus, sigillo nostro signatas, in præmissorum fidem, et testimonium veritatis. Datum apud Rypoun. v id. Maii [undecimo die Maii], anno gratiæ millesimo trecentesimo undecimo. Profession of obedience of Richard de Kellawe, bishop elect of Durham, to the archbishop of York.

Quod sequestrentur fructus ecclesiæ de Quicham. Ricardus, Dei gratia, in episcopum Dunolmensem electus et confirmatus, dilecto sibi in Christo Decano Cestrensi, salutem in Eo qui est Vera Salus omnium. Quia in diœcesi nostra Dunolmensi nunc est vere notorium quod lites et controversiæ inter magistrum Ricardum de Leycestre, quondam rectorem ecclesiæ de Quicham, nostræ diœcesis antedictæ, et magistrum Robertum de Baldog', qui se dicit jure rectorem ejusdem, in curia Romana Richard, bishop elect and confirmed of Durham, to the dean of Chester, relative to the sequestration of the church of Quicham.

[1] The words in brackets are in Reg. Grenefeld, at York, i. 204*b*.

A.D. 1311. extiterant ventilatæ, a cujus ecclesiæ possessione pars dicti Ricardi de Leycestre, prout fama vehementer referens ad nos dudum pervenit, dictum Robertum auctoritate apostolica amovit, quam totaliter ignoramus.—Quocirca vobis mandamus, quatenus ad dictam ecclesiam personaliter accedentes, et, si ita sit ut fama refertur, fructus, oblationes et proventus omnes et singulos dictæ ecclesiæ pertinentes auctoritate nostra sequestretis, et sub arto sequestro, in periculo vestro, salvo custodiri faciatis; proviso omnino quod dicta ecclesia debitis non defraudetur obsequiis; inhibentes autem personis supradictis ne ad arma vel ad rixas, occasione præmissorum per se vel per alios aliqualiter accedant: citantes eosdem nihilominus quod primo die juridico post festum Sanctæ Trinitatis, secundum consuetudinem ecclesiæ Anglicanæ laudabiliter celebratum, in Galilea Dunolmensi coram nobis seu commissario nostro speciali peremptorie compareant, jus suum in præmissis et occasione præmissorum, prosecuturi, ulterius facturi et recepturi in dicto negotio quod justitia suadebit. Quod autem in præmissis feceritis, nos vel commissarium nostrum antedictum dictis die et loco per literas vestras patentes, harum seriem continentes, reddatis dilucide certiores. In cujus, etc., sigillum, quo ad præsens utimur, præsentibus est appensum. Datum apud Wodeham, xiij. die Maii, anno M°CCC^mo^xi°. An. Episc. 1.

Inquisitio pro vicaria de Herteburn'.

Bishop of Durham to the archdeacon of Northumberland, recites a letter from the archbishop of York to him, setting out K. Edw. I.'s presentation of Hugh de Sapy to the vicarage of Herteburne, and desires the said archdeacon

Ricardus, Dei gratia, in episcopum Dunolmensem electus confirmatus, discreto viro Archidiacono Northumbriæ, aut ejus officiali, salutem in Eo qui est omnium vera salus. Literas venerabilis patris domini Willelmi, Dei gratia, Eboracensis archiepiscopi, Angliæ primatis, recepimus in hæc verba:—Willelmus, permissione divina, Eboracensis archiepiscopus, Angliæ primas, venerabili fratri nostro, domino Ricardo, in episcopum Dunolmensem electo et confirmato, salutem et sinceram in Domino caritatem. Literas serenissimi principis domini nostri, domini Ed-

An. Episc. 1. wardi, Dei gratia, regis Angliæ illustris, nuper sede Dunolmensi vacante, recepimus, tenoris et continentiæ infrascriptæ ;—Edwardus, Dei gratia, rex Angliæ, dominus Hiberniæ, et dux Acquitaniæ, custodi spiritualitatis episcopatus Dunolmensis, sede vacante, salutem. Ad vicariam ecclesiæ de Herteburne, Dunolmensis diœcesis, vacantem et ad nostram donationem,[1] ratione episcopatus prædicti vacantis, et in manu nostra existentis, dilectum clericum nostrum, Hugonem de Sapy, vobis præsentamus; intuitu caritatis, rogantes quatenus ipsum Hugonem ad vicariam illam admittatis et vicarium instituatis in eadem. In cujus rei testimonium, has literas nostras fieri fecimus patentes. Teste meipso, apud Berewicum super Twedam, xxij.[2] die Martii anno regni nostri quarto. Et licet, ad præsentationem hujusmodi, literas nostras et inquisitionem faciendam super articulis debitis et consuetis eidem concesserimus præsentato, idem tamen præsentatus inquisitionem ad mandatum nostrum, Dunolmensi sede vacante, quod sciamus, nullatenus fieri procuravit; sed quia dominus noster, rex Angliæ prædictus, subsequenter per literas suas nos rogavit, quod tenorem præsentationis prædictæ vobis sub nostro mitteremus sigillo, ad finem debitum dicto negotio imponendum, discretionem vestram requirimus et rogamus, quatenus in dicto præsentationis negotio, et omnibus circumstantiis ejusdem, cum ex parte ipsius præsentati fueritis congrue requisiti, tam præsentato quam aliis quorum interest et quos negotium contingit, observato juris ordine, plenum exhibeatis justitiæ complementum, finem debitum imponentes eidem. Valete. Datum apud Thorpe juxta Eboracum, ix. kal. Junii. [24 die Maii.], anno Domini etc. xj., et pontificatus nostri sexto. Quocirca vobis, seu alteri vestrum, injungi-

A.D. 1311. to cause an inquisition to be made concerning the said vicarage.

[1] pertinentem, or some such word, seems wanting.

[2] The date of the enrolment on the Patent Roll, 4 Edw. 2. m. 18, is the 2nd of March; it should be the 22nd March. The privy seal, which is the warrant to the great seal, is properly dated 22nd March.

A.D. 1311. mus et mandamus, quatenus in pleno loci capitulo, per viros fidedignos, rectores, vicarios et capellanos, diligentem faciatis inquisitionem, an dicta vicaria vacet, et a quo tempore, et qualiter, quis verus ejus patronus, quis ultimo præsentaverit ad eandem, an sit pensionaria, et in quantum, vel litigiosa et inter quos, et de conditionibus dicti præsentati ad eandem, et aliis articulis debitis et consuetis. Quid autem per prædictam inquisitionem inveneritis, nos per vestras clausas literas, harum seriem continentes, sub vestro et contestificantium sigillis, reddatis dilucide certiores. Datum apud Cray, viij. kal. Junii, anno Domini millesimo cccxj., et confirmationis nostræ primo. An. Episc. 1.

Letter from the archbishop of York and his suffragans to the king, signifying the refusal of an aid of 12*d.* in each mark by the clergy of the province of York, and excusing themselves thereon. *f.* 1 b.

Litera missa domino regi ab archiepiscopo et cæteris suffraganeis ejus.

Tresexcellent prince et lour cher seigneur, si lui plest, sire Edward, par la grace de Dieu, roy d'Engleterre, seigneur d'Irland et ducs d'Aquitane, William, par mesme la grace, ercevesque d'Everwyk', primat d'Engleterre, Richard, evesque de Duresme, Johan, evesque de Kardoille, et Thomas, evesque de Galweya,[1] saluz ove totes reverences et honours. Sire, au concil provincial de la province d'Everwyk', que feust comence a Everwyk' le Lundy prochein apres la fest de l'Ascensioun, feut propose, de par vous, la requeste faite as procuratours du clergie de la dite province q'ils vous grantasent une eide de xij. deners de chescun markes, ou autre covenable por vous, dunt vous peusset estre bien eide en l'espleit des busoignes que vous avez a faire en les parties d'Escoce, lequel espleit serroit al honour de Dieu et de vous, et a seurete de vostre realme d'Engleterre, et a quiete de vostre pople. Et sire, les procuratours du clergie avandites treitrent entre eux par treis jours sucz ceste chose, et

[1] "Episcopatus Candidæ Casæ qui vocatur Galaweyæ." (MS. Arund. 222.) Whithern or Galloway.

An. Episc. 1. finalment nous firent un respouns en escrit par comune assent de eux, excusant soi par moltes enchesouns q'il ne poeint a ceste foyez nul eide graunter; laquele respouns nous avoms envoiez a sire William de Melton', si en aventure vous plust oier les enchesons contenuz en la respouns avantdit: et, Sire, por Dieu, a nous ne voillez malgre savoir endreit de ceste chose, qar nous maiesmes la payne et la diligence que nous poames et savames que vostre requeste eust este bonement otreie. Sire, Dieu vous doigne bone vie et longe, et acreste vostre honour. Escrit a Everwyk', le Lundy en la sameyn de Pentecoustes. A.D. 1311.

Denunciatio super ordinibus apud Eggesclive.

Letter from the commissary of the bishop of Durham to the vicar of the church of St. Oswald, Durham, enjoining him to give notice that orders will be conferred in the church of Eggesclive.

Reverendi viri, domini Ricardi, permissione divina, in episcopum Dunolmensem electi et confirmati, Commissarius, discreto viro, domino . . . . perpetuo vicario Sancti Oswaldi in Dunolmo, salutem in omnium Salvatore. Quia dominus electus prædictus, post munus consecrationis susceptum in vigilia Trinitatis, ut in ecclesiasticis officiis ministrorum numerus augeatur et cultus divinus felix et efficax suscipiat incrementum, in ecclesia de Eggesclive, propitiante Salvatoris clementia, celebrare disponit tam sacros ordines quam minores; vestræ discretioni committimus et mandamus quatenus, diebus Lunæ, Martis et Mercurii, clero apud Dunolmum processionaliter venturo, denuncietis publice dictis die et loco hujusmodi ordines celebrandos; capellanis parochialibus injungentes, ut in parochiis suis eos qui sufficientem titulum habent, et ad ordines promoveri quærunt, præmunire festinent quod prædicto loco die Jovis seu Veneris occurrant, debitam et consuetam examinationem subituri, et, nisi canonicum subsistat impedimentum, prout digni reperti fuerint, effectum petitionis suæ et propositum obtenturi. Valete. Datum apud Dythton', Eboracensis diœcesis, in vigilia Pentecostes, anno [Domini M°. ccc^mo.] xj°.

A.D. 1311. Record concerning the fishery of the Tyne, made in the time of king Henry I., before Walter Espec and Eustace Fitz John.

Recordatio facta tempore Henrici primi de piscaria de Tyna.

Tempore regis Henrici Primi, filii regis Willelmi, facta est hæc recordatio de piscaria de Tyna, secundum quod, antiqui-[ore]s totius Alewarkfolk' et Northumbriæ juraverunt tempore Ranulphi episcopi, in præsentia Walteri Speces et Eustacii filii Johannis justiciariorum. Quod scilicet a Stanleyburn' usque ad Tynemwe, videlicet, usque in mare, medietas aquæ de Tyna pertinet ad sanctum Cuthbertum et ad episcopum Dunolmensem, et alia medietas ad comitem Northumbriæ, tertia tamen pars aquæ erit communis et libera; et eadem aqua mensurari debet ad mayne flod, quando eadem aqua fluit, ut sit plena de banke en banke. Et omnes piscariæ habent loca et nomina, etc. Hæc recordatio facta est a senioribus de Aliwarkfolk' et Northumbriæ, tempore regis Henrici secundi, coram justiciariis Angliæ, scilicet, Rogero archiepiscopo Eboracensi, Roberto episcopo Lincolniensi, et Hugone episcopo Dunolmensi, et Ricardo de Lucy, apud Novum Castellum, etc. Au. Episc. 1.

Tithes of the bishop of Durham for one year.

Decima Dunolmensis episcopi de uno anno.

Pro decima temporalium suorum, cclxv.*li.* xiij.*s.* iiij.*d.* Item, pro decima pensionis episcopi et prioris Karliolensis, iiij.*li.* Item, pro decima pensionis in ecclesia de Staunfordham, lj.*s.*

The bishop of Durham to Thomas de Nova Haya, conferring on him the prebend of Heley in the collegiate church of Langcestre.

[1] Ricardus, permissione divina, Dunelmensis episcopus, dilecto in Christo filio Thomæ de Nova Haya, salutem, gratiam et benedictionem. Morum honestas et honesta conversatio, variaque merita probitatis, de quibus tibi laudabile testimonium perhibetur, nos excitant et inducunt, ut personam tuam prosequi debeamus favoris benevolentia et gratia pleniore. Hinc est quod præbendam et canonicatum de Heley, in ecclesia collegiata de Langcestre, nostræ diœcesis, vacantes, et ad

[1] Schedule inserted after f. 1.

An. Episc. 1. collationem nostram pleno jure spectantes, cum suis juribus et pertinentiis universis, tibi conferimus, concedimus et donamus, intuitu caritatis, teque de eisdem per has literas nostras investimus. In magistrum Ricardum de Eryum per annulum nostrum investimus præsentialiter de eisdem. In cujus rei testimonium præsentes literas tibi fieri et nostro sigillo fecimus communiri. Datum Dunelmi, quarto die Martii, anno Domini millesimo trecentesimo undecimo, et pontificatus nostri primo. A.D. 1311.

Endorsed. Circumspectioni dilecti clerici nostri magistri Ricardi de Eryum quædam commisimus vobis viva voce plenius exponenda, cui fidem et credentiam velitis facere quibus in dicendis. Bene et diu in Domino valeatis.

Reverendæ discretionis viro, magistro Willelmo de Pykeryng', decano ecclesiæ Eboracensis, Ricardus, etc., salutem in amplexibus Salvatoris.

Richard Marmaduk appointed to be on the council of the bishop of Durham.

[1] Ceste endenture faite a Stoketon', le vij. jour de Octobre, l'an du sacre l'evesque Richard secunde, entre le dite evesque de un part', et monsieur Richard Marmaduk d'autre part', temoigne que le dite monsieur Richard est demore du counsaille le dite evesque a un ane procheyn suant apres la confeccion de ceste endenture, et ad grante, que bien et loialment counsaillra et eydra le dite evesque en tutes choses touchaunz lui et sa eglise de Duresme, et la pees denz la fraunchise de Duresme entre les ewes de Tyne et de Tese bien et loialment eydra de meintenir, garder et governer; et de mesfesours denz la dite fraunchise eydra, soloinces lai de terre, refrenir et justiser, tutes les fiez que a ce faire soit requis ou mande. Et por tutes les choses susdites bien et loialment faire, durra le dite evesque a dite monsieur Richard vintes marcz d'argentes a prendre a l'escheker le dit evesque a

[1] Inserted after f. 1.

A.D. 1311. Duresme, ce est a savoir, dis marcz a la feste de Seint Cuthbert en Marce, et dis marcz a la fest Seint Michel prochein ensuant. An. Episc. 1.

Et ad prædicta fideliter facienda, dictus dominus Ricardus, in præsentia domini . . . episcopi et consilii sui, corporale præstitit juramentum.

Robert de Nevyle appointed to be on the council of the bishop of Durham.

[1] Ceste endenture faite a Stoketon', le vij. jour de Octobre, l'an du sacre l'evesque Richard secunde, entre le dit' evesque de un parte, et monsieur Robert' de Nevyle d'autre parte, temoigne que le dit monsieur Robert est demore du counsaille le dite evesque a un ane prochein suaunt apres la confeccioun de ceste endenture, et ad grante que bien et loialment counsaillra et eydra le dite evesque en tutes choses, touchauntes lui et sa eglise de Duresme, et la pees denz la fraunchise de Duresme, entre les ewes de Tyne et de Tese, bien et loialment eydra de meintenir, garder et governer. Et les mesfesours denz la dite fraunchise eydra, soloinces ley de terre, refrenir et justiser tutes les fiez que a ce faire soit requis ou mande. Et por tutes les choses susdites bien et loialment faire, durra le dite evesque a dit monsieur Robert, dicz livres d'argent a prendre a l'escheker le dite evesque a Duresme, ce est a savoir, centes south a la feste Seint Cuthbert en Marcz, et centes south a la feste Seint Michel prochein ensuaunt.

Et ad prædicta fideliter facienda, dictus dominus Robertus, in præsentia domini . . . episcopi, et consilii sui, corporale præstitit juramentum.

f. 2. Commission to William de Gyseburn, a monk of Durham, to be the

Commissio fratris Willelmi de Gyseburn'.

Ricardus, permissione divina, in episcopum Dunolmensem electus et confirmatus, dilecto sibi fratri Willelmo de Gyseburn', monacho monasterii Dunolmensis, salutem

[1] Schedule inserted after f. 1.

An. Episc. 1. in Eo qui est omnium vera salus. Ad cognoscendum et procedendum in omnibus causis et negotiis, quæ in civitate et diœcesi nostra Dunolmensi, ad instantiam partium, vel ex officio, vertuntur, seu qualitercunque verti properantur, coram nobis, et eas et ea fine debito terminandum et exequendum, necnon de criminibus, defectibus et excessibus, inquirendum, eaque corrigendum, canonicam obedientiam recipiendum, nobis, vel vobis vice nostra, præsentatos vel præsentandos ad ecclesiastica beneficia, more solito, expediendum, et in eisdem beneficiis instituendum, inductionis literas concedendum, testamentorum probationes recipiendum, et administrationes eorundem executoribus in forma juris committendum, in casibus a jure permissis sequestrationes faciendum et eas relaxandum, vobis, quem tenore præsentium facimus in hac parte nostrum commissarium, vices nostras, quousque eas duxerimus revocandas, cum canonicæ coercionis potestate, committimus per præsentes. In cujus rei testimonium, sigillum nostrum, quo nunc utimur, præsentibus est appensum. Datum apud Kecton', quarto id. Maii, anno Domini millesimo ccc°. undecimo.

A.D. 1311. bishop's commissary-general.

Institutio vicarii de Middelham pro magistro Nicholao de Bissopton'.

Willelmus de Gyseburn', monachus monasterii Dunolmensis, reverendi viri domini Ricardi, Dei gratia, in episcopum Dunolmensem electi et confirmati, commissarius in hac parte specialis, discreto viro magistro Nicholao de Byssopton', diacono, salutem in Eo qui est omnium vera salus. Ad vicariam ecclesiæ de Middelham, Dunolmensis diœcesis, ad quam, per religiosos viros dominum . . . priorem et conventum ecclesiæ Dunolmensis, supradicto domino electo et confirmato præsentatus existis, te admittimus et canonice instituimus in eadem, cum onere personalis residentiæ, salvis in omnibus jure et libertate ecclesiæ et monasterii Dunolmensis. In cujus rei testimonium, sigillum nostrum

Nicholas de Byssopton instituted vicar of Middelham.

A.D. 1311. quo utimur, præsentibus est appensum. Datum Dunolmi, xiiij. die mensis Maii, anno Domini millesimo ccc°. undecimo. An. Episc. 1.

Mandate for induction of Nicholas de Bissopton to the vicarage of Middelham.

Inductio.

Willelmus de Giseburn', etc., reverendo viro domino archidiacono Dunolmensi, vel ejus officiali, seu ipsius officialis commissario, salutem in Auctore salutis. Quia discretum virum, magistrum Nicholaum de Byssopton', supradicto domino electo et confirmato, ad vicariam ecclesiæ de Middelham per religiosos viros priorem et conventum Dunolmensem præsentatum, admisimus, ac vice dicti domini electi et confirmati, cum onere personalis residentiæ, instituimus in eadem, vobis injungimus et mandamus quatenus dictum magistrum Nicholaum in ipsius vicariæ corporalem possessionem inducatis, seu induci faciatis, et defendatis inductum. Bene valete. Datum ut supra, etc.

Mandate to the rural dean of Baunburgh to cite the clergy to appear before the Bishop's Commissary General in the parish church of Baunburgh.

Citatio directa decano pro obedientia facienda.

Willelmus de Giseburn', monachus monasterii Dunolmensis, reverendi viri, domini Ricardi, Dei gratia, in episcopum Dunolmensem electi et confirmati, commissarius generalis, discreto viro, decano de Baunburgh', salutem in Auctore salutis. Vobis, in virtute obedientiæ, injungimus et mandamus quatenus omnes et singulos abbates, priores, magistros hospitalium, rectores, vicarios et alios beneficiatos qualitercunque infra decanatum vestrum, et ecclesiarum parochialium capellanos, et alios quoscunque in decanatu vestro celebrantes, citetis peremptorie quod sufficienter et legitime compareant coram nobis in ecclesia parochiali de Baunburgh', die post festum Ascensionis Dominicæ proxime futurum, mandatum venerabilis patris domini Willelmi, Dei gratia, Eboracensis archiepiscopi, Angliæ primatis, et alia eis, ex parte dicti domini electi et confirmati, per nos exponenda, audituri, canonicam obedientiam et alia quæ ulterius incumbunt facturi, et recepturi quod juri fuerit et consonum rationi; denunciantes seu denunciari facientes,

An. Episc. 1. publice eisdem et aliis quorum interest, per decanatum vestrum, quod die Lunæ proxima post festum Sanctæ Trinitatis proxime futurum, in Galilea Dunolmi, consistorium celebrare intendimus, singulis reddituri, quantum cum Deo possumus, justitiæ complementum. Et quid in præmissis feceritis, ac de nominibus citatorum, per vestras patentes literas, harum seriem continentes, nos dictis die et loco reddatis certiores. Datum Dunolmi, decimo quarto die mensis Maii, anno Domini millesimo ccc°. undecimo. A.D. 1311.

Memorandum, quod sub eadem forma scribitur decanis de Alnewik', de Corebrigg', Novi Castri, Dunolmi et de Derlington'.

Literæ pœnitentiarii domini papæ, promonacho de levitate animi ab ordine egresso.

f. 2 b. Mandate of Richard bishop of Durham to the abbot of Newminster, reciting a letter from Berengarius bishop of Frascati, the pope's penitentiary, to Anthony bishop of Durham, respecting the harsh treatment of Walter de Wytton, who had quitted the abbey without license, and whom the abbot had refused to receive back into the convent; to the effect that the abbot must obey the injunction of the Pope's penitentiary.

Ricardus, permissione divina, Dunelmensis episcopus, religioso viro et dilecto in Christo filio, domino Abbati Novi Monasterii, ordinis Cisterciensis, nostræ diœcesis, salutem, gratiam et benedictionem. Olim discretus vir, dominus Thomas de Goldesburg', archidiaconus Dunelmensis, tunc bonæ memoriæ domini Antonii Dunelmensis episcopi, prædecessoris [nostri], vicarius generalis, septimo die mensis Martii, anno Domini M°CCC^mo. decimo, literas venerabilis patris, domini Berengarii, Dei gratia, Tusculani episcopi, domini Papæ pœnitentiarii recepit, tenorem qui sequitur continentes:—Venerabili in Christo patri [Antonio], Dei gratia, episcopo Dunelmensi, vel ejus vicario in spiritualibus, Berengarius, miseratione divina, Tusculanus episcopus, salutem, et sinceram in Domino caritatem. Sua nobis Walterus de Wytton', monachus presbyter et professus in domo Novi Monasterii, ordinis Cisterciensis, nostræ diœcesis, lator præsentium, petitione monstravit, quod ipse olim, animi levitate et aliquibus aliis certis de causis, ad consulendum . . . abbatem, superiorem suum et dicti sui ordinis, sine licentia sui superioris, monasterium ipsum exivit, et in sæculo per octo septimanas fuit in sæculari habitu conversatus; sed ad cor rediens

A.D. 1311. ad portam dicti monasterii accessit ordinis prædicti, misericordiam petiturus: qui per cellerarium dicti monasterii et familiares suos cæsus enormiter fuit, et verberatus, et in diro carcere catenatus; quas catenas et carcerem postmodum ipse disrupit, et ad sæculum fuit reversus, ordine et habitu derelictis; in quo per decem annos evagando divina celebravit officia, et alias se ingessit eisdem; qui iterum in dicto monasterio fuit receptus et indutus habitu regulari. Sed quia onus tantæ pœnitentiæ, sibi impositæ, sustinere nequivit, ac propter arctioris timorem pœnitentiæ inferendæ, dixit se cum quadam muliere matrimonium contraxisse ante religionis ingressum. Qui propter hoc habitu regulari exstitit spoliatus, et indutus habitu sæculari. Hiis itaque peractis, sentiens se idem monachus deliquisse, confessus fuit suo abbati, se propter hoc perjurum et mendacem esse, ac falsitatem dixisse eidem, supplicans dicto abbati humiliter et devote ut ipsum in dicto monasterio reciperet, salva ordinis disciplina. Cujus petitioni idem abbas noluit consentire, sed penitus sibi dicti monasterii denegavit ingressum, et per quasdam suas literas, suo sigillo munitas, exclusit eidem monacho viam unquam ad dictum monasterium redeundi. Verum cum ad cor sit idem monachus, Domino faciente, reversus, et redire ad ovile cupiat sic neglectum, sedis Apostolicæ clementiam adiens, supplicavit humiliter sibi super hiis per sedem eandem salutari remedio misericorditer provideri. Nos igitur, sperantes quod in clausura monasterii digna pœnitentia deplorabit, quæ fugitivus in sæculo vana et damnosa libertate commisit, ipsum ad vos, ab excommunicatione, quam propter hoc incurrit, et apostasia hujusmodi, auctoritate domini papæ, cujus pœnitentiariæ curam gerimus, remittimus, juxta formam ecclesiæ absolutum; circumspectioni vestræ auctoritate committentes eadem, quatinus præfatum monachum in ipso monasterio recipi faciatis, salva ordinis disciplina, et fraterna in Domino caritate tractari, et eo, ad tempus, An. Episc. 1.

An. Episc. 1. prout expedire videritis, a suorum ordinum executione suspenso, demum suffragantibus sibi meritis, alioque canonico non obstante, super irregularitate ex præmissis contracta, auctoritate prædicta, favore religionis dispensetis misericorditer cum eodem. Ita tamen, quod infra quatuor mensium spatium a data præsentium numerandorum, legitimo impedimento cessante, coram vobis se debeat personaliter cum præsentibus literis præsentare; alioquin in statum pristinum relabatur, et nullius præsentes literæ sint momenti. Datum Avinion', vj. id. Januarii, pontificatus domini Clementis papæ V. anno sexto. Quarum auctoritate literarum, præfatus vicarius vobis suis dedit literis in mandatis, ut præfatum Walterum monachum in vestro monasterio, juxta tenorem literarum domini pœnitentiarii, reciperetis, et fraterna in Domino caritate tractaretis eundem, salva ordinis disciplina; sed vos, receptis literis præfati vicarii, eundem Walterum in vestro monasterio, juxta tenorem literarum prædictarum, tunc admittere non curastis. Propter quod, idem Walterus ad nos accedens nonis Junii, anno Domini m°ccc^mo. undecimo, nobis humiliter supplicavit, ut ipsum, juxta tenorem dictarum literarum, in vestro monasterio recipi faceremus, ulteriusque procederemus, prout in hac parte fuit faciendum, offerens se paratum subire regulares ordinis disciplinas. Nos igitur, volentes mandatum prædictum domini papæ pœnitentiarii, nobis in hac parte directum, exequi reverenter, ulterius, ut incumbit, vos monemus in Domino et hortamur, ac vobis, in virtute obedientiæ qua sedi Apostolicæ tenemini, auctoritate nobis in hac parte commissa, firmiter injungendo, mandamus, quatinus præfatum Walterum monachum infra quatuor dies a tempore receptionis præsentium in vestro monasterio recipiatis, salva ordinis disciplina, et fraterna caritate tractetis eundem; alioquin vos citamus, tenore presentium, quod compareatis coram nobis ubicunque fuerimus in nostra diœcesi, vel coram vicario nostro generali, si non fuerimus in eadem,

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f. 3.

A.D. 1311. octavo die juridico post harum receptionem, causam rationabilem, si quam habeatis, quare vos ad hoc compellere minime debeamus, legitime proposituri, facturi et recepturi ulterius quod canonicum fuerit in præmissis. Terminum quidem prædictum, propter naturam et qualitatem negotii hoc exigentis, taliter duximus moderandum. De die vero receptionis præsentium et [quid] circa præmissa feceritis, seu facere decreveritis, nobis, seu commissario nostro prædicto, constare faciatis ad prædictum diem octavum distincte et aperte, per vestras patentes literas, horum seriem continentes. Præfatum quidem Walterum ab ordinum suorum executione duximus suspendendum, quousque suffragantibus sibi meritis, alioque canonico non obstante, super irregularitate ex præmissis contracta, auctoritate nobis in hac parte commissa, dispensaverimus favore religionis misericorditer cum eodem. An. Episc. 1.

Letter from the king to the bishop of Durham, requesting his assent to the levy of one foot soldier from each vill within his franchise of Durham.

Litera domini regis pro auxilio habendo, videlicet de qualibet villa episcopatus Dunolmensis unum peditem.

Edwardus, Dei gratia, rex Angliæ, dominus Hiberniæ, et dux Aquitaniæ, venerabili in Christo Ricardo, eadem gratia, episcopo Dunolmensi, salutem. Cum rogaverimus milites, probos homines, et communitates singulorum comitatuum regni nostri, quod, in auxilium expeditionis guerræ nostræ Scotiæ, de qualibet villa infra eosdem comitatus unum hominem peditem, fortem et defensabilem, ac armis competentibus bene munitum, ad veniendum ad partes Scotiæ in expeditionem prædictam provideri, et hominibus illis peditibus vadia sua pro septem septimanis, sumptibus dictarum villarum, ministrari, ac eosdem homines, pedites certis hominibus et fidelibus nostris assignari, faciant, ducendos ad nos, ad dictas partes Scotiæ; ita quod sint ad nos apud Rokesburghe a die Nativitatis Beati Johannis Baptistæ proximo futuro in tres septimanas ad ultimum, prompti et parati ad proficiscendum exinde nobiscum contra inimicos et rebelles nostros in terra prædicta :—

An. Episc. 1. Nos de vestra benevolentia specialiter confidentes, speA.D. 1311.

Nota hic, pro libertate episcopatus.

rantesque quod in hiis quæ optatum effectum negotii prædicti, quod in statu prospero, benedictus Altissimus, jam existit, tangere poterunt, velitis consilium apponere, et juvamen, vos rogamus et requirimus omni effectu, quatinus, ut villæ prædictæ hujusmodi auxilium nobis faciant in præsenti, velitis, quantum ad vos attinet, vestrum assensum gratanter præbere. Speramus siquidem quod, mediante juvamine prædicto, negotium prædictum finalem exitum, ad nostri et vestri, ac totius regni nostri, commodum, juxta nostri desiderium, cum Dei adjutorio, in proximo sortietur. Volumus insuper quod hujusmodi auxilium, quod homines villarum prædictarum, ex eorum mera voluntate, et assensu vestro, nobis ad præsens duxerint faciendum, vobis aut ipsis, seu vestris, vel eorum, hæredibus, non cedat in præjudicium, nec trahatur in consequentiam in futurum ; eisque nostras patentes literas, pro eorum securitate, misimus in hac parte. Teste meipso, apud Berewicum super Twedam, xx. die Maii, anno regni nostri quarto.[1]

Citatio domini episcopi ad parliamentum.

Ricardus permissione divina Dunelmensis episcopus, dilecto in Christo filio, officiali nostro, seu ejus locum tenenti, salutem, gratiam et benedictionem. Literas serenissimi principis, domini nostri, regis Angliæ, xj. die Julii recepimus, tenorem qui sequitur continentes.[2]—Edwardus, Dei gratia, rex Angliæ, dominus Hiberniæ et dux Aquitaniæ, venerabili in Christo, patri Ricardo, eadem gratia, Dunelmensi episcopo, salutem. Quia, propter plura et ardua negotia nos et statum regni nostri

Mandate to his official by the bishop, on being summoned to Parliament, to summon certain of the clergy of his diocese to attend him.

[1] Enrolled also on Rot. Scot. 4 Ed. 2, m. 3 d.

[2] The general writ of summons to the parliament at London, dated 16th June, is enrolled on the Close Roll, 4 Edw. 2, m. 1, but the name of the bishop of Durham is not there among the bishops who were summoned.

A.D. 1311. tangentia, die Dominica proxima ante festum Beati Laurentii proximo futurum, ordinavimus, Deo propitio, Londoniis parliamentum tenere, et vobiscum, ac cum cæteris prælatis et proceribus de dicto regno nostro, super negotiis prædictis habere colloquium et tractatum; vobis mandamus, in fide [et] dilectione quibus nobis tenemini, firmiter injungentes quod, omnibus aliis prætermissis, sitis ad nos in propria persona vestra ad diem et locum prædictos, ibidem nobiscum et cum prælatis et proceribus supradictis, super dictis negotiis tractaturi, vestrumque consilium impensuri; præmunientes priorem et capitulum ecclesiæ vestræ Dunelmensis, archidiaconos, totumque clerum vestræ diœcesis, quod iidem prior et archidiaconi in propriis personis suis, et dictum capitulum per unum, idemque clerus per duos procuratores idoneos, plenam et sufficientem potestatem ab ipsis capitulo et clero habentes, una vobiscum intersint, modis omnibus tunc ibidem ad faciendum et consentiendum hiis quæ tunc de communi consilio, favente Domino, ordinare contigerit super negotiis antedictis. Et hoc nullo modo omittatis. Teste meipso, apud Berewicum super Twedam, xvj. die Junii, anno regni nostri quarto. Quocirca vobis mandamus, quatinus præmuniatis prædictum priorem et capitulum ecclesiæ nostræ Dunelmensis, archidiaconos, totumque clerum dictæ nostræ diœcesis, quod iidem prior et archidiaconus in propriis personis suis, et dictum capitulum per unum, idemque clerus per duos procuratores idoneos, plenam et sufficientem potestatem ab ipsis capitulo et clero habentes, modis omnibus in dicto parliamento ad dictos diem et locum intersint ad faciendum et consentiendum hiis quæ tunc de communi consilio, favente Domino, ordinare contigerit super negotiis antedictis. Et quid in præmissis feceritis, nobis constare faciatis citra festum Sancti Jacobi Apostoli per literas vestras patentes, harum seriem continentes. Datum apud Rikehale, xj. die Julii, anno pontificatus [nostri] primo. An. Episc. 1.

An. Episc. 1.

[Litera] ballivi de Hoveden.

A.D. 1311. f. 3 b. Appointment of Alexander de Bergh as bailiff of the manor of Hovedene and of the bishop's lands in Hovedenschire and Richale.

Ricardus, permissione divina, episcopus Dunolmensis, omnibus ad quos præsentes literæ pervenerint, salutem. Sciatis quod constituimus dilectum et fidelem nostrum Alexandrum de Bergh seneschallum et ballivum nostrum de manerio nostro de Hovedene, et de omnibus terris et tenementis nostris in Hovedenschire et de Richale, quamdiu nobis placuerit; ratum et gratum habentes quicquid dictus Alexander nomine nostro, tanquam seneschallus et ballivus noster, ad opus et commodum nostrum, in præmissis duxerit faciendum; salvis nobis exitibus, amerciamentis et aliis proficuis inde provenientibus, per manus receptoris nostri, quisquis fuerit, ad opus nostrum recipiendis, et ad hoc per nos ibidem assignati. In cujus rei testimonium, has literas nostras eidem Alexandro fecimus patentes, pro voluntate nostra duraturas. Datum apud Northalverton', iiij^{to}. die mensis Junii, anno Domini M^{o}.ccc^{mo}. undecimo, et pontificatus nostri primo.

Litera constabularii de Norham.

Appointment of William Ridel as constable of the castle of Norham and bailiff of the said honour.

Ricardus permissione divina, episcopus Dunolmensis, omnibus ad quos præsentes literæ pervenerint, salutem. Sciatis quod constituimus dilectum et fidelem nostrum Willelmum Ridel constabularium castri nostri de Norham, et ballivum omnium terrarum et tenementorum nostrorum honoris castri prædicti; ita quod idem Willelmus, ad custus suos proprios, in omnibus custodiam ejusdem castri bene et fideliter faciat, curias et placita nostra infra honorem prædictum, secundum legem et consuetudinem partium illarum, teneat; et hoc per assensum, visum et testimonium, alicujus nostrorum, per nos ad hoc deputati, qui exitus et proficua omnium tenementorum ad opus nostrum recipiet, salvis nobis amerciamentis et omnibus aliis inde provenientibus, quamdiu nobis placuerit. In cujus rei testimonium, has literas nostras sibi fecimus patentes, ad voluntatem nostram

A.D. 1311. duraturas. Datum apud Stoketon', v. die mensis Junii, anno Domini M°.CCC^mo. undecimo, et pontificatus nostri primo. An. Episc. 1.

Monition to the chaplain of the parish church of Stayndrop to cause the parishioners to pay to Thomas bishop of Whithern, five marks, in the name of procuration for the re-establishment of the cemetery of the said church.

Monitio de satisfaciendo de procuratione pro reconciliatione ecclesiæ de Stayndrok'. *sic.*

Ricardus, permissione divina, Dunolmensis episcopus, capellano parochiali ecclesiæ de Stayndrop, salutem, gratiam et benedictionem. Mandamus tibi, firmiter injungentes, quatinus moneas et efficaciter inducas omnes et singulos parochianos dictæ ecclesiæ quod, infra octo dies a tempore monitionis eis factæ, reverendo in Christo patri, domino Thomæ, Dei gratia, episcopo Candidæ Casæ, de quinque marcis, nomine procurationis pro reconciliatione cœmeterii dictæ ecclesiæ facta per eundem, vice et auctoritate nostra, satisfaciant, ut tenentur, sub pœna excommunicationis, quam exnunc, ut extunc, in contradictores et rebelles proferimus in hiis scriptis. De die vero receptionis præsentium, monitionis factæ, et nominibus rebellium et contradicentium, si qui fuerint, nos citra instans festum Apostolorum Petri et Pauli certifices per tuas literas patentes, harum seriem continentes. Interdictum quidem in dicta ecclesia de Stayndrop hac occasione interpositum, relaxamus et penitus amovemus. Datum apud Wolsingham, xiiij. die Junii, anno Domini M°.CCC^mo. undecimo, et pontificatus nostri primo.

Appointment of John de Lisle as the bishop's official in the city and diocese of Durham.

Præfectio officialis.

Ricardus, permissione divina, episco pus Dunolmensis, abbatibus, prioribus, decanis, archidiaconis, canonicis, præbendariis, rectoribus, magistris, et omnibus aliis subditis suis, tam clericis quam laicis, civitatis et diœcesis nostræ Dunolmensis, cujuscunque conditionis vel status existant, salutem, gratiam et benedictionem. Quia discretum virum magistrum Johannem de Insula nostrum creavimus et fecimus officialem in civitate et diœcesi nostra supradictis, vobis, in virtute obedientiæ qua nobis tenemini,

An. Episc. 1. firmiter injungimus et mandamus, quatinus eidem magistro Johanni,[1] in licitis canonicis et honestis sitis intendentes, obedientes et respondentes in omnibus, ut incumbit, quæ spectare dinoscuntur ad officium memoratum. Bene valete. Datum apud Derlington', xx. die Junii, anno Domini M.°ccc^mo. undecimo, et pontificatus nostri primo. A.D. 311.

Super eodem. Ricardus, permissione divina, episcopus Dunolmensis, dilecto sibi in Christo filio, magistro Johanni de Insula, juris civilis professori, rectori ecclesiæ de Boldon', nostræ diœcesis, salutem, gratiam et benedictionem. De vestra fidelitate et discretione circumspecta plenam in Domino fiduciam obtinentes, vos officialem nostrum in civitate et diœcesi nostra Dunolmensi facimus et creamus; vobis plenam, specialem et generalem potestatem ad omnia et singula faciendum quæ ad officium memoratum spectare dinoscuntur, cum coercionis canonicæ potestate, tenore præsentium committentes. In cujus rei testimonium, has literas nostras fieri fecimus patentes, sigilli nostri munimine roboratas. Datum apud Derlington', xix. die Junii, anno Domini M°.ccc^mo. undecimo, et pontificatus nostri primo. Full power to John de Lisle, professor of Civil Law and rector of the church of Boldon, to act as the bishop's official.

Super eodem. Ricardus, permissione divina, episcopus Dunelmensis, dilectis sibi in Christo filiis, domino Johanni de Castro Bernardi, monacho monasterii ecclesiæ Dunelmensis et decano de Langestr', salutem, gratiam et benedictionem. De vestra industria et discretione circumspecta plenam in Domino fiduciam obtinentes, ad tenendum consistorium in nostra diœcesi in causis et negotiis inceptis, et incipiendum processus, processibus continuandis procedendum, cognoscendum et diffiniendum, et omnia alia et singula generaliter et specialiter exercendum et faciendum, Appointment of John of Barnard Castle, monk of Durham and the dean of Langestre, to be commissaries in the diocese.

[1] Willelmo in MS.

A D. 1311. quæ in præmissis et circa ea fieri requirimus, et sine quibus præmissa non poterunt expediri, vobis vices nostras, donec eas duxerimus revocandas, committimus, cum coercionis canonicæ potestate; volentes quod si hiis exequendis vos ambo simul interesse non poteritis, unus vestrum ea nihilominus exequatur. Bene valete. Datum apud Derlington', xx. die Junii, anno pontificatus nostri primo. An. Episc. 1.

f. 4. Grant of an annual pension to Reginald of St. Alban's.

Pensio. Universis sanctæ matris ecclesiæ filiis, pateat per præsentes, quod nos, Ricardus, permissione divina, Dunelmensis episcopus, laudabilia moris, conversationis et vitæ merita dilectissimi nostri magistri Reginaldi de Sancto Albano, ac puræ devotionis affectum, quem erga nos et ecclesiam nostram Dunelmensem dinoscitur obtinere, plenius attendentes, inducimur et movemur ut ipsum honore quo possimus favorabiliter prosequamur: eidem igitur annuam pensionem decem marcarum, de camera nostra percipiendam ad duos anni terminos, videlicet, ad festa Sancti Martini in hieme, et Pentecostes, per æquales portiones, duximus concedendam, donec eidem providerimus de beneficio ecclesiastico competente. In cujus rei testimonium, etc. Datum apnd Rykehalle, x. die Julii, anno, etc., et pontificatus nostri primo.

Grant of an annual pension to John de Nassing on.

Pensio. Consimilem literam habet magister Johannes de Nassington', senior, de decem libris. Datum ut supra, xij°. die Julii, anno ut supra.

Grant of an annual pension to Thomas de la Novele Haye.

Pensio. Tenore præsentium pateat universis quod nos, Ricardus, permissione divina, episcopus Dunelmensis, dilecto nobis in Christo, domino Thomæ de la Novele Haye, serenissimi principis, domini Edwardi, Dei gratia, regis Angliæ illustris, clerico, annuam pensionem decem librarum de camera nostra apud Dunelmum, in festis Sancti Martini et Pentecostes, per æquales portiones, percipiendam, duximus

An. Episc. 1. concedendam, donec eidem per nos provisum fuerit de beneficio ecclesiastico competente. In cujus rei testimonium, præsentes literas ei fieri et nostro sigillo fecimus communiri. Datum apud Dythton', primo [die] mensis Junii, anno, etc., et pontificatus nostri primo. A.D. 1311.

Pensio. Consimilem literam et ejusdem datæ habet dominus Nicholaus de Addenham de decem marcis, ad instantiam comitis Cornubiæ.

Grant of an annual pension to Nicholas de Addenham.

Petitio pensionis per archiepiscopum. Willelmus, permissione divina, Eboracensis archiepiscopus, Angliæ primas, venerabili in Christo fratri, domino Ricardo, Dei gratia, Dunolmensi episcopo, salutem et fraternam in Domino caritatem. Quamvis prædecessorum nostrorum, archiepiscoporum Eboracensis ecclesiæ, temporibus inconcusse fuerit hactenus observatum, quod quilibet suffraganearum ecclesiarum dictæ Eboracensis ecclesiæ in episcopum electus et confirmatus, per suum metropolitanum, præfatæ Eboracensis ecclesiæ archiepiscopum, consecratus, uni de clericis archiepiscopi consecrantis competentem annuam pensionem constituere teneatur, donec per eundem episcopum consecratum eidem clerico provisum fuerit de ecclesiastico beneficio competente, prout in registris prædecessorum nostrorum comperimus, et ex testimonio accepimus fidedigno; nos tamen attendentes quod post confirmationem vestram, donec munus consecrationis essetis, Divina mediante gratia, consecuti, circa multa et varia, non sine ratione, habuistis animum occupatum, ex certa scientia dictum negotium vobis tangere distulimus, et hujusmodi nostrum clericum nominare. Quia vero plenum jam statum et majorem animi quietem estis, auctore Domino, consecuti, fraternitatem vestram, de cujus benevolentia plene confidimus, exoramus attentius et rogamus, dilecto et familiari clerico nostro magistro Ricardo de Plump-

Request of the archbishop of York to the bishop of Durham to grant a pension to Richard Plumpstock, a canon of Lincoln, in conformity with the custom in the diocese of York, for all the archbishop's suffragans consecrated by him, to grant a pension to one of the archbishop's clerks.

A.D. 1311. stok', canonico Lincolniensi, viro utique literato et experto, ac aliis virtutum donis multipliciter insignito, pensionem annuam, juxta status et honoris vestri decentiam, ac dicti nostri clerici probitatem, ex præmissa causa, prono animo constituere velitis, donec sibi per vos provisum fuerit de ecclesiastico beneficio competente ; vestras, si placeat, patentes literas nobis super hoc, una cum aliis vestris beneplacitis, per exhibitorem præsentium demandantes. Conservet vos Dominus ad ecclesiæ vestræ regimen per tempora feliciter successiva. Datum apud Cawod, xx. die Junii, pontificatus nostri anno sexto. An. Episc. 1.

Answer of the bishop of Durham to the foregoing request of the archbishop of York, expressing his ignorance of such a custom.

Responsio ad prædictam.

Venerabili in Christo patri domino, domino Willelmo, Dei gratia, archiepiscopo Eboracensi, Angliæ primati, Ricardus, permissione divina, Dunolmensis episcopus, salutem, obedientiam, reverentiam et honorem. Si temporibus prædecessorum vestrorum, archiepiscoporum Eboracensis ecclesiæ, sit hactenus observatum quod quilibet suffraganeorum ejusdem ecclesiæ, post suæ consecrationis munus, uni de clericis archiepiscopi, ipsum consecrantis, annuam pensionem, donec de beneficio ecclesiastico competente eidem clerico provisum fuerit, constituere teneat[ur], sine dubio ignoramus, utpote nec per registra nec per aliquem qui præfati experientiam id agnovit vel vidit naturaliter informati, forsitan propter brevioris nostri temporis novitatem. Verum quia pensata paternæ dilectionis puritate, quam zelo divini amoris nobis, licet immerito et indigno, in agendis nostris coram vobis, per operum exhibitionem, favorabiliter ostendistis, ad ea quæ vobis grata et vestris utilia esse poterunt, vel accepta, cognoscimus, vos tenemini, vestris beneplacitis condescendere cupimus in hiis quæ possimus cum effectu, et omnia quæ de jure vel consuetudine, ratione consecrationis nostræ, vel alia de causa, tenemur vobis facere, prono et libente animo, votivo effectui, sine

f. 4 b.

An. Episc. 1. contradictionis obstaculo curabimus mancipare. Pro hiis quidem et aliis in brevi ad vos veniemus, Domino disponente, facturi vobis in hac parte efficacius quæ incumbunt. Sanctam paternitatem vestram conservet Altissimus in omnium prosperitate, gaudio et honore. Scriptum apud Craik', xxij. die Junii, anno pontificatus nostri primo. A.D. 1311.

Grant of an annual pension to Richard de Plumstock.

Pensio. Universis sanctæ matris ecclesiæ filiis pateat per præsentes, quod nos, Ricardus, permissione divina, Dunolmensis episcopus, præclara merita discreti viri et carissimi nostri, magistri Ricardi de Plumstoc', literarum scientia, honestæ conversationis et morum probitate, multipliciter insigniti, et gratæ benevolentiæ promptitudinem, quam erga nos et ecclesiam nostram Dunelmensem habet et habuit, attendentes, necnon requisitioni venerabilis in Christo patris, domini Willelmi, Dei gratia, Eboracensis archiepiscopi, Angliæ primatis, pro ipso nobis factæ, condescendere cupientes, annuam pensionem x. librarum eidem de camera nostra, ad duos anni terminos, videlicet, ad festa Sancti Martini in hieme et Pentecostes, per æquales portiones, percipiendam, concedimus, donec sibi de ecclesiastico beneficio competenti duxerimus providendum. In cujus rei testimonium, etc.

Grant of an annual pension to William de Melton.

Pensio. Universis sanctæ matris ecclesiæ filiis pateat per præsentes, quod nos, Ricardus, permissione divina, episcopus Dunelmensis, laudabilia vitæ merita venerabilis viri et dilectissimi nostri domini Willelmi de Melton', ac grata ipsius obsequia, in nostris et nostræ ecclesiæ negotiis multipliciter impensa, quæ nos ad ea quæ ipsius honoris crementum respicere poterunt reddunt obligatos, propensius attendentes, eidem annuam pensionem xx. librarum, de camera nostra percipiendam, ad duos anni terminos, videlicet, ad festa Sancti Martini in hieme et Pentecostes, per æquales portiones, duximus concedendam, donec sibi per nos

A.D. 1311. provisum fuerit de beneficio ecclesiastico competente. An. Episc. 1.
In cujus rei testimonium, sigillum nostrum præsentibus est appensum. Datum apud Rikehal, iiij. die Julii, anno Domini M°.ccc^mo. undecimo, et pontificatus nostri primo.

Resignation of a prebend in the church of Langcestre by Gerard de Aldenardo.

Resignatio. Venerabili in Christo patri, domino Ricardo, Dei gratia, Dunelmensi episcopo, suus humilis et devotus, Gerardus de Aldenardo, obedientiam, reverentiam et honorem. Præbendam meam in ecclesia de Langcestr', vestræ Dunelmensis diœcesis, in vestras sacras manus, pure, sponte, simpliciter et absolute resigno, et juri quod ad eandem habeo, vel unquam habui, scienter renuncio per præsentes, volens et concedens quod de dicta præbenda, per istam meam puram et spontaneam resignationem vacante, prout ad vestræ solicitudinis officium pertinet, libere disponatis. In cujus rei testimonium, sigillum meum præsentibus apposui. Et ad fidem præmissorum pleniorem, præmissa omnia et singula Johannem de Scardeburgh', notarium publicum, in formam publicam redigere, et suo signo consueto signare, rogavi. Conservet vos ecclesiæ vestræ et populo vestro Deus per tempora longiora. Datum Eboraci, xviij. kal. Julii, anno gratiæ millesimo trecentesimo undecimo.

Resignation of the same prebend by the said Gerard de Aldenardo, made in the presence of a notary public.

Idem sub manu publica. In nomine Domini, Amen. Anno ab incarnatione ejusdem M°.ccc^mo. undecimo, Indictione nona, xiiij. die mensis Junii, in præsentia mei, notarii publici et testium subscriptorum, constitutus personaliter dominus Gerardus de Aldenardo, clericus, quandam resignationem in scriptis interposuit et fecit, ac eam, sic in scriptis interpositam et factam, sigillo suo proprio pendente signavit; in quo quidem sigillo, quasi rotundo, de cerea rubea, erat quasi quoddam scutum, in quo etiam scuto erant quasi tres cupæ, in cujus circumferentia erant literæ sic dicentes, "Sigillum Gerardi de Aldenard;" cujus resignationis tenor per

An. Episc. 1. omnia talis est.—Venerabili in Christo patri, domino Ricardo, Dei gratia, Dunolmensi episcopo, suus humilis et devotus, Gerardus de Aldenardo, obedientiam, reverentiam et honorem. Præbendam meam in ecclesia de Langcestr', vestræ Dunolmensis diœcesis, in vestras sacras manus, pure, sponte, simpliciter et absolute, resigno, et juri quod ad eandem habeo, vel unquam habui, scienter renuncio per præsentes; volens et concedens quod de dicta præbenda, per istam meam puram et spontaneam resignationem vacante, prout ad vestræ solicitudinis officium pertinet, libere disponatis. In cujus rei testimonium, sigillum meum præsentibus apposui. Et ad fidem præmissorum pleniorem, præ- f. 5.
missa omnia et singula Johannem de Scardeburgh', notarium publicum, in formam publicam redigere, et suo signo consueto signare, rogavi. Conservet vos ecclesiæ vestræ et populo Deus per tempora longiora. Datum Eboraci, xviij. kal. Julii, anno gratiæ M°.ccc^mo. undecimo. Acta fuerunt hæc in hospitio discreti viri magistri Michaelis de Harkeley, officialis Richemund', sub anno, indictione, mense, et die, prænotatis; præsentibus, magistro Henrico Flemang', rectore ecclesiæ de Stavelay, Willelmo de Angelby, Johanne de Stodeley, Waltero de Portu, clericis, testibus ad præmissa vocatis specialiter, et rogatis. A.D. 1311.

Et ego, Johannes de Scardeburgh', clericus, Eboracensis diœcesis, publicus, auctoritate imperiali, notarius, præmissis resignationi ejusdemque consignationi et omnibus aliis, prout supra scribuntur, præsens interfui, eaque fieri vidi et audivi; et, de mandato præfati domini Gerardi, ea scripsi et in publicam formam redegi, signumque meum consuetum apposui, rogatus, in fidem et testimonium omnium præmissorum.

Collatio præbendæ. Ricardus, permissione divina, Dunolmensis episcopus, dilecto sibi in Christo magistro Michaeli de Harcla, salutem, cum benedictione Collation of Michael de Harcla to the prebend in the church of

A.D. 1311. Langcestre, void by the resignation of Gerard de Aldenardo.

et gratia salutari. Laudabilem conversationem et mores compositos, necnon merita probitatis, quibus te multipliciter insignitum novimus, plenius attendentes, dignum te beneficio ecclesiastico reputamus; propter quod, præbendam in ecclesia nostra de Langcestr', nostræ diœcesis, per resignationem domini Gerardi de Aldenardo vacantem, et ad nostram collationem spectantem, tibi, cum omnibus juribus suis et pertinentiis, conferimus intuitu caritatis. In cujus rei testimonium, præsentes literas tibi fieri, et nostro sigillo fecimus communiri. Datum apud Creyk', xxiij. die Junii, pontificatus nostri anno primo. Ar. Episc. 1.

Ricardus, etc., archidiacono Dunolmensi, vel ejus officiali, salutem, etc. Quia præbendam nuper domini Gerardi de Aldenardo, in ecclesia nostra de Langcestr', per resignationem ejusdem, vacantem, et ad nostram collationem spectantem, magistro Michaeli de Herkeley contulimus, intuitu caritatis, vobis mandamus quod ipsum, vel procuratorem ipsius, in corporalem possessionem ipsius inducatis, et inductum, auctoritate nostra, prout convenit, defendatis, stallum sibi in choro et locum in capitulo, pariter assignantes. Datum ut supra.

Appointment of Reginald of St. Alban's as proctor of the bishop of Durham at the court of Rome.

Procuratorium in curia Romana.

Pateat universis quod nos, Ricardus, permissione divina, episcopus Dunelmensis, in omnibus causis et negotiis nos vel ecclesiam nostram Dunelmensem qualitercumque contingentibus, quas vel quæ ex juris necessitate, seu hominis præfixione, in curia Romana defendere seu prosequi tenemur, dilectum nobis in Christo magistrum Reginaldum de Sancto Albano procuratorem nostrum facimus, ordinamus et constituimus per præsentes, dantes eidem plenam, specialem et liberam potestatem, nomine nostro et ecclesiæ nostræ, agendi, defendendi, excipiendi, replicandi, necnon contestandi, quodlibet genus liciti sacramenti in animam nostram, tam de calumnia,

An. Episc. 1. quam de veritate dicenda, præstandi, ponendi, positionibus respondendi, articulandi positiones, et articulos reprobandi, crimina et defectus objiciendi, (super quibus objiciendis sibi mandatum concedimus speciale,) concludendi, sententias audiendi, appellandi et appellationes prosequendi, alium vel alios procuratorem vel procuratores ad præmissa omnia et singula substituendi, substitutum seu substitutos, quotienscumque et quandocumque sibi visum fuerit expedire, revocandi, eundem vel eosdem, seu alium vel alios, iterum substituendi, et omnia alia faciendi, quæ in præmissis, seu circa præmissa, facere possemus, si præsentes essemus; ratum habentes et gratum quicquid per dictum Reginaldum de Sancto Albano, seu substitutum vel substitutos ab eodem in præmissis, seu aliquo præmissorum, [fuerit factum,] et pro eodem, substituto vel substitutis ab ipso, promittimus judicatum solvi, sub hypotheca rerum nostrarum; et hoc omnibus quorum interest, tenore præsentium, volumus esse notum. Ita tamen, quod de causis seu negotiis ad Romanam curiam legitime nullatenus devolutis, quæ vel quas ex juris necessitate inibi defendere seu prosequi non tenemur, se nullatenus intromittat. Super quibus prosequendis, seu defendendis, sibi et substitutis suis omnimodam, tenore præsentium, adimimus potestatem. Has literas nostras, etc. A.D. 1311. f. 5 b.

Procuratorium.

Letter of the bishop of Durham to the pope, notifying the appointment of Reginald of St. Alban's as his proctor at the court of Rome.

Sanctissimo patri in Christo et domino Clementi, divina providentia, sacrosanctæ Romanæ ac universalis ecclesiæ summo pontifici, suus humilis et devotus, Ricardus, permissione divina, episcopus Dunelmensis, devota pedum oscula beatorum. Ad comparendum coram vobis in proxima synodo vestra, et concilio generali, ubicumque illud vos celebrare contiget, et ad proponendum nomine nostro singula licita et honesta, quæ in illo nostro nomine fuerint proponenda, ac tractandum super quibuscumque arti-

A.D. 1311. culis in eodem concilio per sanctitatem vestram pro- An. Episc. 1.
positis et proponendis, et ad consentiendum in singulis licitis et honestis juri consonis inibi expositis, seu aliis quæ, ex causa vobis cognita, ordinanda in dicto concilio videbuntur; ac omnia alia faciendum quæ facere possimus, si præsentes essemus, etiamsi mandatum exegerint speciale; et ad præmissa omnia et singula [faciendum], alium vel alios loco sui substituendum; substitutum vel substitutos, quotienscunque et quandocunque sibi expedire videbitur, revocandum; illum vel illos, alium vel alios, iterum substituendum; dilectum nobis in Christo magistrum Reginaldum de Sancto Albano procuratorem nostrum facimus, ordinamus et constituimus per præsentes; ratum habentes et gratum, quicquid per dictum magistrum Reginaldum, substitutum vel substitutos ab eo, actum fuerit in præmissis, seu aliquo præmissorum; has nostras literas nostro sigillo sigillantes in testimonium præmissorum. Datum apud Rikehal, vj. idus Julii, anno Domini M°.ccc^mo. undecimo, et consecrationis nostræ primo.

Letters Patent of the bishop of Durham for the said Reginald of St. Alban's, empowering him to act.

Procuratorium ad impetrandum.

Pateat universis quod nos, Ricardus, permissione divina, Dunolmensis episcopus, ad impetrandum literas in Romana curia, tam simplices quam legendas, gratiam seu justitiam continentes, nomine nostro et ecclesiæ nostræ Dunolmensis; literis contra nos, seu ecclesiam nostram prædictam, impetratis vel impetrandis, contradicendum; in loca et judices conveniendum et consentiendum; appellandum, appellationes prosequendum; quodlibet genus liciti sacramenti in animam nostram præstandum; cautiones solitas exigendum et exponendum; alium procuratorem loco sui ad præmissa omnia substituendum, ac substitutum revocandum, et procuratoris officium reassumendum, quotienscunque et quandocunque sibi visum fuerit expedire eundem vel alium ad præmissa iterum substituendum; dilectum nobis in Christo magistrum

An. Episc. 1. Reginaldum de Sancto Albano procuratorem nostrum facimus, ordinamus et constituimus per præsentes; ratum habituri et firmum, quicquid per dictum magistrum Reginaldum, substitutum vel substitutos ab eodem actum fuerit in præmissis, seu aliquo præmissorum. Et has nostras literas nostro sigillo sigillari fecimus in testimonium præmissorum. Datum apud Rikehal, vj. idus Julii, anno Domini M°.ccc^mo. undecimo, et consecrationis nostræ primo. A.D. 1311.

Revocatio sequestri et citationis super ecclesia de Wykham.

Revocation of the sequestration, in reference to the right of Richard de Leycestre as rector of the church of Qwycham.

Ricardus, Dei gratia, Dunolmensis episcopus, dilecto filio nostro, commissario generali, salutem, gratiam et benedictionem. Cum nos dudum, inspectis processibus nobis ex parte magistri Ricardi de Leycestr', qui se dicit rectorem ecclesiæ de Qwycham, super restitutione sua ad eandem ecclesiam auctoritate apostolica habitis, factisque nobis variis monitionibus per executorem super dicta restitutione, eadem auctoritate deputatum, sub pœnis gravissimis in ipsis processibus comprehensis, sequestra et citationes factas, ac omnia et singula impedimenta, per nos aut alios, contra restitutionem eandem, si quæ fuerint nostris auctoritate, vice nostra vel mandato præstito, seu in attentata quatenus in præjudicium mandati apostolici et processum super hoc habitorum processerant, revocaverimus, communicato consilio peritorum; vobis injungimus et mandamus, quatenus omni processui qui restitutionem dicti magistri Ricardi contingere poterit, quoquo modo per vos nostra auctoritate, ut dicit, faciendo, supersedentes, omnino non permittatis ipsum Ricardum, neque procuratores suos, occasione sequestri hujus, aut citationis cujuslibet sibi in ea parte factæ, aliqualiter molestari. Valete. Datum apud Apelton' Wysk', Eboracensis diœcesis, ij. non. Junii, anno gratiæ M°.ccc°xj°., et pontificatus nostri primo. f. 6.

De eodem.

Injunction given to the dean of

Ricardus, etc., dilecto filio decano ecclesiæ præbendalis Cestriæ, nostræ diœcesis,

A.D. 1311. Chester strictly to carry out the foregoing revocation.

salutem, gratiam et benedictionem. Licet nuper, ante consecrationem, vobis nostris dederimus literis in mandatis, quod vos sub certis modo et forma, ex causis legitimis, fructus et proventus ecclesiæ de Qwykham sequestrare, et salve custodire, faceretis, vestro periculo, tamen procurator magistri Ricardi de Leycestr', qui se dicit rectorem ecclesiæ memoratæ, coram nobis post consecrationem nostram constitutus, literas apostolicas processus super hiis habitas, et alia instrumenta publica, nobis in medio præsentavit; ex quorum inspectione videtur, prima facie, apparere eundem magistrum Ricardum ad possessionem ecclesiæ supradictæ, cum suis juribus et pertinentiis universis, a qua fuit per bonæ memoriæ dominum Antonium, quondam Dunelmensem episcopum, prædecessorem nostrum, post privationis et amotionis ab eadem ecclesia sententias, contra eundem magistrum Ricardum, auctoritate dicti prædecessoris nostri, latas, et appellationem ex parte ejusdem magistri Ricardi proinde ad sedem apostolicam interjectam, prout in dictis literis apostolicis et processibus prætendi videtur, fore auctoritate apostolica restitutum; et, per executorem literarum et processuum hujusmodi, nos moneri fecit instantius et requiri, ut nos sequestrum prædictum ac alia impedimenta omnia, [per] quæ idem magister Ricardus in assecutione seu retentione possessionis ejusdem ecclesiæ, cum suis juribus et pertinentiis per nos fuerat impeditus, vel in posterum impediri poterat quovismodo, revocaremus, quatenus processerant, revocari, ac percepta a tempore restitutionis hujusmodi sibi factæ restitui, faceremus, sub pœnis gravissimis in prædictis processibus comprehensis:—nos igitur, nolentes mandata apostolica contemnere, sed eisdem, ut tenemur, humiliter obedire, sequestra et impedimenta prædicta, quatenus contra tenorem et effectum literarum Apostolicarum et processuum prædictorum processerant, deliberatione superhabita, duximus revocanda. Quocirca vobis injungimus firmiter et mandamus, quatenus, ad prædictam

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An Episc. 1. ecclesiam personaliter accedentes, revocationem hujus- A.D. 1311.
modi, per nos factam, coram clero et populo publice nuncietis, distinctius inhibentes, ne quis manu armata eundem magistrum Ricardum, vel procuratorem suum, in assecutione et retentione possessionis dictæ ecclesiæ, cum suis juribus et pertinentiis universis, contra vim sacram et effectum mandati Apostolici, et processuum super hoc habitorum, impediat quomodolibet, vel perturbet. Omnia insuper per vos, seu a vobis deputatos, vice nostra percepta, a tempore quo idem magister Ricardus restitutus fuit in possessionem ecclesiæ memoratæ, sibi, vel procuratori suo, faciatis integre liberari. Datum, etc.

A nun being ejected from the convent of Nesham without reasonable cause, the dean of Derlington is directed by the bishop to reinstate her therein.

Querela. Ricardus, permissione, etc., dilecto filio, decano de Derlington', salutem, gratiam et benedictionem. Petitio Agnetis de Campioun, nobis exhibita, continebat quod cum ipsa per priorissam et conventum monialium monasterii de Nesham,[1] nostræ diœcesis, in sororem suam recepta, regularem vitam canonice professa fuisset, ibique vitam religiosam per aliquos annos duxisset, dictæ tamen religiosæ dominæ eandem Agnetem, absque judicio ecclesiæ et causa rationabili, temeritate propria, ab eodem monasterio ejecerunt, ipsamque, se postmodum petentem admitti in eodem monasterio, ac offerentem se fore paratam in omnibus et per omnia parituram regulari ordinis disciplinæ, admittere improvide recusarunt. Quocirca vobis committimus et mandamus quatenus, ad dictum monasterium personaliter accedentes, præfatas priorissam et conventum moneatis quod si ita sit, eandem Agnetem, secundum f. 6 b.
juris exigentiam et regularia ordinis instituta, in dicto monasterio suo recipiant et admittant; alioquin citetis easdem religiosas dominas, quod compareant coram nobis, vel nostris in ea parte commissariis, uno vel pluribus, in Galilea Dunolmi, die Lunæ proxima post

[1] Neasham, or Nysam, or Newsam, a nunnery in Durham.

A.D. 1311. festum Nativitatis Beati Johannis Baptistæ, causam rationabilem, si quam habeant, quare ad id per nos compelli non debeant, pro termino præciso et peremptorio proposituræ, et etiam ostensuræ; facturæ ulterius quod qualitas et natura ipsius negotii exigit et requirit. Et quid in præmissis feceritis, nobis vel commissariis nostris, uni vel pluribus, ad dictos diem et locum constare dilucide faciatis per vestras patentes litteras, harum seriem continentes. Valete. Datum apud Stokton', vj°. die Junii, anno Domini M°.cccxj^mo., et pontificatus nostri primo. An. Episc. 1.

Order for the citation of Peter de Thoresby, keeper of the hospital of St. Giles' at Kypiyer, near Durham, for his acts of dilapidation in relation to the same hospital.

Citatio domini Petri de Thoresby, quod intersit visitationi faciendæ in domo de Kypyer.[1]

Ricardus, permissione divina, etc., decano Christianitatis Dunelmensi, salutem, gratiam et benedictionem. Inter cæteras solicitudines, ex debito suscepti regiminis, incumbentes, circa conservationem et reformationem status piorum locorum pro cultu divino et sustentatione Christi pauperum, devotione fidelium fundatorum, tam pro rebus quam pro personis eorundem, eo vigilantius nostræ considerationis aciem convertere nos oportet, quo ex negligentia in easdem divino correpti periculosius subjacemus. Sane ex clamosa et frequenti insinuatione fidedignorum accepimus quod dominus Petrus de Thoresby, custos hospitalis Sancti Ægidii de Kypiyer, juxta Dunelmum, nostræ diœcesis, bona ejusdem hospitalis, tam immobilia quam mobilia, ad sustentationem tresdecim fratrum ibidem pro Divinis obsequiis continue moraturorum, quorum sex debebant esse capellani et quinque laici, et aliorum Christi pauperum, largitione prædecessorum nostrorum et aliorum fidelium assignata, alienavit, dilapidavit temere et consumpsit, et alia gravia dispendia, in subversionem status dicti hospitalis, diminutionem divini

[1] In the margin, in a nearly contemporary hand, the following words are written: "Nota Kepeyer."

An. Episc. 1. cultus, subtractionem sustentationis Christi pauperum et aliorum caritatis operum, quæ ibidem vigere solebant, multipliciter perpetravit, in animæ suæ periculum et scandalum manifestum; super quibus, licet credibile non esset quod talis et tantus vir deberet talia commisisse, laborat publica vox et fama. Nos igitur, volentes, ut tenemur, super veritate præmissorum plenius informari, et visitationis officium, tam in personis quam in rebus dicti hospitalis, prout convenit, exercere, ut de remedio opportuno in eisdem valeat provideri, vobis injungimus et mandamus, quatenus præfatum dominum Petrum, si ibidem valeat inveniri, alioquin hoc citationis edicto in capella dicti hospitalis, coram fratribus et aliis ministris ejusdem, et ecclesia nostra Dunelmensi publice proposito, citetis peremptorie, una cum fratribus et aliis quibuscunque singularibus personis dicti hospitalis, quod compareant personaliter coram nobis, vel commissariis nostris, uno vel pluribus, in capella dicti hospitalis, die Sabbati proxima post instans festum Nativitatis Beati Johannis Baptistæ; nostram visitationem salubriter admissuri, facturi et recepturi quod justum fuerit et canonicum in præmissis, et quia verisimiliter jam timetur de ulteriori dilapidatione residui bonorum ejusdem hospitalis per eundem dominum. A.D. 1311.

Citatio domini ad concilium Eboracense.

Venerabili in Christo patri, domino Ricardo, Dei gratia, Dunolmensi episcopo, Robertus de Pykering', canonicus Eboracensis, et reverendi patris domini Willelmi, Dei gratia, Eboracensis archiepiscopi, Angliæ primatis, commissarius specialis, salutem, cum omnimoda reverentia et honore debitis tanto patri. Literas commissionis, nobis in hac parte factæ, dudum recepimus, in hæc verba;—Willelmus, permissione divina, Eboracensis archiepiscopus, Angliæ

Summons of the bishop of Durham to be at a provincial council, to be held at York, relative to the proceedings against the Templars.

[1] A full account of the proceedings against the Templars in the diocese of York is to be found in Archbishop Grenfield's Register.

A.D. 1311. primas, dilecto filio, magistro Roberto de Pykeryng', An. Episc. 1.
canonico ecclesiæ nostræ Eboracensis, salutem, gratiam
et benedictionem. Cum nos, de consensu unanimi prælatorum et cleri nostræ diœcesis et provinciæ, nuper convenientium in nostro provinciali concilio, in dicta nostra ecclesia celebrato, ipsum concilium, propter nonnulla ardua et dubia negotium inquisitionis hæreticæ pravitatis contra Templarios in nostra diœcesi et provincia existentes, nobis et certis collegis nostris a Sede Apostolica commissum, contingentia, ac alia quædam negotia in eodem concilio pertractanda, usque ad instantem diem Sabbati, videlicet, decimum diem Julii, loco quo prius, duximus prorogandum; ac nos, vocatione domini nostri Summi Pontificis ad generale concilium nos arcente, aliisque nostris et ecclesiæ nostræ negotiis arduis præpediti, non valentes in dicto nostro prorogato concilio personaliter interesse, vobis, de cujus circumspectione et industria confidentiam gerimus specialem, ad tenendum, loco nostri, prædictum concilium prorogatum die Sabbati memorato, cum continuatione et prorogatione dierum subsequentium, in ecclesia nostra Eboracensi prædicta, necnon ad tractandum, ordinandum, et perficiendum, tam super dicto negotio Templariorum contingente, quam aliis quæ communi deliberatione ipsius concilii fuerint rationabiliter ordinanda; ac omnia alia faciendum quæ in præmissis et ea contingentibus, necessaria fuerint vel etiam opportuna, tenore præsentium committimus vices nostras,
f. 7. cum coercionis canonicæ potestate. In cujus rei testimonium, sigillum nostrum præsentibus est appensum. Datum apud Thorp' juxta Eboracum, vij. idus Julii, anno gratiæ M°.ccc^mo undecimo, et pontificatus nostri sexto. Cujus commissionis auctoritate, dicto die decimo mensis Julii, in quem prædictus pater concilium suum pro vinciale duxerat in Eboracensi ecclesia prorogandum, de quo die in prædicta commissione mentio noscitur esse facta, præfatum concilium tenuimus loco sui; et

An. Episc. 1. quod, propter fidei Christianæ favorem, præcipue cum hujusmodi negotium Templarios in diœcesi et provincia Eboracensi existentes, contingens, pleniorem et diligentiorem examinationem requirebat, propter sui arduitatem, et quædam de novo emergentia, ac alias causas legitimas, tempore indigemus, ut maturius agamus et consultius procedamus, de consilio et consensu unanimi omnium tunc præsentium, memoratum diem decimum mensis Julii usque in vicesimum octavum diem mensis ejusdem, loco quo prius, duximus prorogandum, assignantes eosdem diem et locum tam personaliter comparentibus et procuratoribus venerabilium patrum dominorum episcoporum, quam prælatorum et aliorum quorumcunque absentium, nomine dominorum suorum, et suis dominis in personis eorundem; videlicet, quod iidem domini episcopi et prælati personaliter, et cæteri quicunque, per se vel procuratores, compareant in concilio, ut prædicitur, prorogato, ad tractandum, ordinandum,[1] consentiendum et faciendum quod in singulis dictum negotium contingentibus canonicum fuerit et salubre; necnon et memoratis Templariis, ad audiendum, recipiendum et faciendum per omnia quod, juxta negotii naturam et facti qualitatem, justum fuerit, et consonum rationi. Super quibus plenius discutiendis vestram personalem præsentiam credimus et novimus [fore necessariam in hoc casu; quamobrem vestram paternitatem reverendam rogamus, requirimus, et hortamur in Domino ex abundanti],[2] præmunientes quatenus dictis die et loco præfato concilio personaliter intersitis, tractaturi, ordinaturi, vestrumque consilium impensuri; necnon et facturi ulterius in eodem quod justitia et æquitas suadebunt. Diem vero receptionis præsentium, et quæcunque facienda duxeritis, nobis A.D. 1311.

[1] *ordinandum*] *ordinationem* in MS.

[2] These words in brackets are put at the foot of the page, instead of a passage containing the same words which has been struck through.

A.D. 1311. citra festum instans Sancti Jacobi rescribi petimus, per vestras literas patentes, quæ harum seriem repræsentent. Datum Eboraci, iiij. idus Julii, anno Domini M°.ccc^mo. undecimo. An. Episc. 1.

Letter from the archbishop of York, the bishops of Durham and Whithern, to the king, entreating him to release Walter, bishop of Coventry and Lichfield, from prison in York Castle.

Littera missa domino regi ab archiepiscopo Eboracensi et episcopis Dunolmensi et Candidæ Casæ.

Excellentissimo principi ac domino suo carissimo, domino Edwardo, Dei gratia, regi Angliæ illustri, domino Hiberniæ et duci Aquitaniæ, sui humiles et devoti, Willelmus, permissione divina Eboracensis archiepiscopus, Angliæ primas, Ricardus, eadem gratia, Dunolmensis et Thomas Candidæ Casæ, episcopi, ac cæteri de clero Eboracensis provinciæ, apud Eboracum in provinciali concilio congregati, salutem, cum omnimodis reverentia et honore. Exigit honorifica regia celsitudo ut in regendis subditis, hiis præsertim qui [in] ecclesia Dei gradum obtinent eminentem, exemplo Summi Regis, in cujus manu corda sunt regum omnium terrenorum, nequaquam potentiæ magnitudine abutendo, mansuetudinem teneat et in spiritu permaneat lenitatis, quatenus, juxta Sapientis eloquia, "Misericordia et veritas regem custodiant, et thronus ejus clementia roboretur."[1] Attendentes itaque quod venerabilis in Christo pater, Walterus, Dei gratia, Coventrensis et Lichfeldensis episcopus, in castro vestro Eboraci carcerali[3] custodiæ est addictus, in vituperium episcopalis

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[1] "Misericordia et veritas custodiunt regem, et roboratur clementia thronus ejus." (Prov. xx. 28.)

[2] Written *Linc'* in the original.

[3] Walter, bishop of Coventry and Lichfield, was imprisoned at York for his opposition to Piers Gaveston. In the Fœdera, iii. p. 270, there is a letter, dated 1st July 1311, taken from Grenfield's Register, wherein the archbishop of York directs Thomas bishop of Whithern to receive Walter, bishop of Coventry and Lichfield, imprisoned in the king's castle at York, and to incarcerate him, in conformity with the liberty and custom of the church of England. The bishop was liberated on the 24th of January 1312. He seems to have been very unfortunate, for so early as the year 1307 he was confined in Windsor Castle, and afterwards in the Tower of London. (Rot. Claus. 1 Edw. 2, m. 7.)

An. Episc. 1. dignitatis, cum, juxta vocem Apostolicam, "Omnes simus invicem membra";[1] et si quid patitur unum membrum, compatiuntur ei alia membra; ipsius afflictioni miserabili compati necessario compellimur et arctamur. Quocirca excellentiæ regiæ humili ac devota instantia supplicamus, quatenus, ad honorem Dei et ecclesiæ suæ sanctæ, necnon episcopalis ordinis eminentiam, cujus ministerio vestræ coronationis insignia recepistis, venerabili patri prædicto vestræ mansuetudinis et clementiæ viscera dignemini, si placet, effectualiter aperire, ipsum præcipiendo a carcerali custodia liberari, ac, de innata vobis benignitate gratuita pristinæ restitui libertati, ut exinde apud Auctorem totius benignitatis et clementiæ valeatis condignæ retributionis præmium reportare, totusque status ecclesiasticus pro vestræ salutis et honoris augmento ad devota et assidua orationum suffragia sit astrictus. Conservet vos ecclesiæ et populo suo Deus per tempora longiora. Datum Eboraci, iij. non. Julii, anno Gratiæ millesimo trecentesimo undecimo. A.D. 1311.

Provocatio. In Dei nomine, Amen. Licet installatio et inductio corporalis, primo post consecrationes episcoporum Dunolmensium, ecclesiæ Eboracensis et domini archiepiscopi ejusdem suffraganeorum, ad dominum archiepiscopum Eboracensem, vel ejus officialem pertineant, et spectare notorie dinoscantur ab antiquo, ipsique sic installare et inducere semper consueverant episcopos omnes et singulos, qui pro tempore fuerant Dunolmi, ipsique possessione, vel quasi jure præmissa extendi, a tempore cujus contrarii memoria non exstat, exstitissent; ego, Radulphus de Conigburgh', dicti domini archidiaconi Eboracensis officialis, audiens nunc et conjiciens, quod nonnulli alii præmissa sibi usurpare nituntur, et ea jam in futura proxima installatione et inductione de venerabili patre domino Ricardo, Appeal of Ralph de Conigburgh, archdeacon of York, and official of the archbishop to the Holy See, relative to the subtraction by the bishop of Durham and his officials of rights due to the archbishop.

[1] "Quoniam sumus invicem membra." (Epist. ad Ephes. iv. 25.)

A.D. 1311. f. 7 b. Dei gratia, Dunolmensi episcopo, faciendis, exercere velle, dictumque dominum meum in hiis impedire sua possessione, vel quasi prædicta spoliare comminantur; metuens etiam ex præmissis et aliis probabilibus et verisimilibus conjecturis et causis, dicto domino meo in prædictis et circa ea præjudicium posse generari in futurum; ne quis alius dictum venerabilem patrem, dominum Dunolmensem episcopum, installet, inducat, aut ne idem pater hoc ab alio recipiat, vel per alium fieri permittat, seu quicquam in præjudicium dicti domini mei, vel sui archidiaconatus prædicti, juris vel possessionis suæ quovismodo in præmissis, vel eorum aliquo, seu certa ea aliqua aliqualiter attentent, permittant, vel faciant, vel aliquis attentet, permittat vel faciat attentari, installando, inducendo, jus vel possessionem dictorum archidiaconi et archidiaconatus, vel ecclesiæ Eboracensis, minitando, perturbando, præmissa usurpando, vel ipsorum aliquid, seu alio quovismodo gravando; sacrosanctam Sedem Apostolicam in hiis scriptis provoco et appello, ac Apostolos, quatenus teneor, peto, supponens dictum dominum meum, dictumque suum archidiaconatum, et eis adhærentes ac adhærentia, protectioni et tuitioni sedis supradictæ. An. Episc. 1.

Bond of the bishop of Durham for 200*l.* to Henry de Langton, son and heir of Alan de Langton, lord of Wynhyard.

Obligatio. Pateat universis per præsentes, quod nos, Ricardus, Dei gratia, Dunolmensis episcopus, tenemur et efficaciter obligamur per præsentes Henrico, dicto de Langton', filio et hæredi Alani de Langtone, domini de Wynhyard', nostræ diœcesis, in ducentis libris bonorum et legalium sterlingorum, solvendis sibi vel suo certo attornato hanc literam deferenti apud Dunolmum, in festis Beati Cuthberti in Septembri et Purificationis Beatæ Virginis futuris proximis, pro æqualibus portionibus, bona fide; ad quam quidem solutionem suis terminis fideliter faciendam, ut est dictum, obligamus nos et executores nostros et omnia bona nostra quæcumque, ubicumque fuerint

An. Episc. 1. inventa, jurisdictioni et coercioni cujuscunque judicii ecclesiastici et sæcularis. In cujus rei testimonium, has litteras nostras, etc. Datum apud Aucland', undecimo die Junii, anno Domini millesimo trecentesimo undecimo, et consecrationis nostræ primo. A.D. 1311.

Obligatio. Pateat universis per præsentes, quod nos Ricardus, permissione divina, Dunolmensis episcopus, tenemur et per præsentes obligamur Henrico le Mareschal in sexaginta libris bonorum sterlingorum ex causa mutui, solvendis eidem vel suo attornato, hoc scriptum deferenti, apud Dunolmum in festo Sancti Cutberti proxime futuro, sine ulteriori dilatione. In cujus rei, etc. Datum apud Wolsingham, xiiij. die Junii, anno Domini, etc. [M°.ccc^mo.] undecimo, et pontificatus nostri primo. Bond of the bishop of Durham for 60*l.* to Henry le Mareschal.

Consimiles litteras habent Willelmus de Drack' et Willelmus Rodde, de xx. libris, et de eadem data. The like to William de Drack and William Rodde for 20*l.*

Obligatio. Pateat universis per præsentes, quod nos, Ricardus, permissione divina, Dunolmensis episcopus, tenemur obligati Johanni de Pollon, clerico, in centum marcis sterlingorum, quas ab eodem recepimus, ex causa mutui, solvendis eidem, vel suo attornato, apud Dunolmum, in festo Sancti Cuthberti in Septembri; ad quam quidem solutionem obligamus nos et nostra. In cujus rei, etc. Datum apud [Auke-] land', xviij. die mensis Junii, anno, etc. [M°.ccc^mo.] undecimo. Bond of the bishop of Durham for one hundred marks to John de Pollon, clerk.

Obligatio. Consimilem litteram habet dominus Johannes de Denton', rector ecclesiæ Sancti Rumaldi, de centum marcis, solvendis in festo Sancti Michaelis, anno Domini, etc. [M°.ccc^mo.] undecimo, sine ulteriore dilatione. Datum apud Aukeland', die ut supra. The like to John de Denton, rector of St. Rumald, for one hundred marks.

A.D. 1311. Grant of indulgence for 40 days, by the bishop of Durham to all parishioners in his diocese.

Indulgentia. Universis sanctæ matris ecclesiæ filiis, ad quos præsentes litteræ pervenerint, Ricardus, permissione divina, Dunolmensis ecclesiæ minister humilis, salutem sempiternam in Christo. Pia mortuorum memoria eo recentior et præstantior in orationibus et operibus caritatis mentibus fidelium esse debet, quo magis cedit vivis ad meritum, et præstat suffragium resolutis; de Dei igitur misericordia, gloriosæ Virginis Mariæ genitricis ejusdem, Apostolorumque Petri et Pauli, ac Sancti Cuthberti, confessoris et episcopi, patroni nostri, omniumque sanctorum, meritis et precibus confidentes, omnibus parochianis nostris et aliis quorum diœcesani hanc nostram indulgentiam ratam habuerint, de peccatis suis vere pœnitentibus et confessis, qui pro animabus . . . . quorum corpora in cœmeterio . . . sunt humata, et pro animabus omnium fidelium defunctorum, necnon pro tranquillitate regis et regni Angliæ, orationem Dominicam, cum Salutatione Virginis gloriosæ dixerint, pia mente, xl. dies de injuncta sibi pœnitentia misericorditer relaxamus. In cujus rei, etc. Datum apud Rikehal, anno pontificatus nostri primo. An. Episc. 1.

Quia nobis precibus aliorum subveniri cupimus in futurum, pro hiis qui nos præcesserunt debemus in præsenti fundere Deo preces, quatenus sit nobis propitiationis remedium, quod aliis prætendimus in exemplum; de Dei igitur omnipotentis misericordia, etc.

Memorandum quod dominus concessit tres indulgentias apud Eboracum, et tres apud Rikehale, singulas xl. dierum.

Delivery of trees and wood ordered from Hoveden and Creyk.

Deliberatio arborum e bosco de Creyk et Hoveden. Item, mandavit liberari sex carectatas de ramayll' domino Waltero de Bedewind', per ballivum de Hovedon'.

Item, mandavit liberari duas arbores pro mæremio, et duas pro focali, Ricardo Tunnok' de Eboraco, per ballivum de Alverton', in bosco de Creyk'.

An. Episc. 1. [Ricardus, permissione divina, Dunelmensis episcopus . . . . . salutem in sa]lutis Auctore. Quia rector ecclesiæ de Gayneford . . . . . [b]ona dicti rectoris a diu est administrans, singulos denarios . . . . . excommunicationis sententias contra non solventes factas et promulgatas, ... offic', vobis injungimus et mandamus, sicut canonicam effugere . . . . . [procu]ratorem rectoris de Stayndrop' bona utriusque rectoris . . . . . jure præmissis quousque de dictis denariis nobis fuerit . . . . . Derlington', die Mercurii in vigilia Sancti Thomæ . . . . . quod juris fuit et rationis. Et quod nobis . . . . . sidio et defensione ecclesiæ Dunolmensis et suorum membrorum . . . . . [s]atisfecerit dictam ecclesiam de Gayneford' ecclesiastico . . . . . in mandatis. Et quid in præmissis feceritis, nos dictis . . . . . apud Heghington', ij. id. Decembris, anno . . . . . [1]

A.D. 1311. Mandate in reference to the rectories of Gayneford and Stayndrop.

Commissio de curia tenenda in comitatu Lincolniensi.

f. 8. Bishop of Durham's commission to hold his tenants' court in the county of Lincoln.

Pateat universis per præsentes, quod nos Ricardus, permissione divina, Dunolmensis episcopus, assignavimus dilectos nobis dominum Willelmum de Hovedon' personam ecclesiæ de Broxholm, et Alexandrum de Bergh' ad tenendum curiam nostram de tenentibus nostris in comitatu Lincolniensi, et firmam nostram de eisdem tenentibus, nomine nostro, recipiendum, et justitiam in omnibus et singulis faciendum; volentes quod si iidem dominus Willelmus et Alexander ad præmissa facienda simul interesse nequierint, tunc unus eorum, qui præsens fuerit, præmissa exequatur; ratum habituri et gratum quicquid iidem dominus Willelmus et Alexander, vel eorum alter, nomine nostro, ad nostrum commodum fecerint vel fecerit in præmissis. In cujus rei testimonium has litteras nostras fieri fecimus patentes, ad nostrum beneplacitum duraturas. Datum, etc.

[1] A fragment of a schedule inserted after f. 7.

A.D. 1311. Order that the sequestration of the fruits of the priory of Tynemouth shall not be rigorously enforced.

De moderatione sequestri. Ricardus, etc., dilecto, etc., magistro Willelmo de Kellawe, sequestratori nostro salutem. Fructus et proventus prioratus de Tynemuoth', vacantis, per vos sequestratos, salvo custodire faciatis sine rigore omnimodo et excessu, donec a nobis aliud super hoc receperitis in mandatis: ita tamen, quod monachis et familiæ dicti prioratus pro sustentatione sua, et aliis quæ incumbunt, necessaria ministrentur; nolentes quod juribus et privilegiis dicti prioratus, si in eventum appareat sufficienter, de eisdem per hujusmodi sequestrum interpositum præjudicium generetur. Datum apud Hoveden, xxix. die Junii. An. Episc. 1.

Appointment of William de Kellawe as sequestrator-general in the diocese of Durham

Præfectio sequestratoris. Ricardus, etc., dilecto filio, magistro Willelmo de Kellawe, salutem, gratiam et benedictionem. De tuæ fidelitatis et discretionis industria circumspecta specialem in Domino fiduciam obtinentes, te sequestratorem nostrum generalem, in civitate et diœcesi nostra Dunolmensi, ordinamus et facimus per præsentes; dantes tibi potestatem sequestrandi, sequestra interposita relaxandi, et de hiis quæ sequestrum, tam de jure quam de consuetudine, contingunt, inquirendi, probationes testamentorum admittendi et ea approbandi, ac administrationem eorundem in forma consueta concedendi, ac omnia et singula quæ ad sequestratoris officium spectare noscuntur faciendi et exequendi, cum canonicæ coercionis potestate, plenam tibi committimus facultatem, donec eam duxerimus revocandam. Datum apud Stoketon', viij. idus Junii.

Censure of William de Quicham, dean of Langcestre, the bishop's proctor, for his proceedings in the matter of Richard de Leycestre

Querela magistri Ricardi de Leycestr'. Ricardus, etc., discreto viro magistro Willelmo de Quicham, decano Langcestr', salutem, gratiam et benedictionem. Sua nobis procurator discreti viri magistri Ricardi de Leycestr' conquestione monstravit, quod vos, contra processum habitum, auctoritate Sedis Apostolicæ, pro dicto

An. Episc. 1. magistro Ricardo, super ecclesia de Quicham, de quo processu satis vobis innotuit, sicut dicunt quidam, minus juste temere attentastis, in contemptum dictæ Sedis et juris ejusdem magistri Ricardi præjudicium manifestum, pœnas in processu hujusmodi insertas, minime formidando; quocirca vobis mandamus quatenus, si est ita quod, in contemptum dictæ Sedis, circa præmissa taliter attentastis, sine moræ dispendio studeatis proinde revocare; ne dictus magister Ricardus, vel ipsius procurator, suo nomine, justam habeat de vobis materiam conquerendi. A.D. 1311. concerning the church of Quicham.

De eodem. Ricardus, etc., magistro Willelmo de Kellawe, sequestratori nostro, salutem, etc. Sua nobis procurator magistri Ricardi de Leycestr' conquestione monstravit, quod vos, contra processum habitum pro eodem magistro Ricardo, auctoritate Sedis Apostolicæ, super ecclesia de Qwykham, sequestrum in fructibus ejusdem ecclesiæ, in contemptum prædictæ Sedis, et prædicti magistri Ricardi præjudicium manifestum, interposuistis, minus juste temere jam de novo. Quocirca vobis mandamus quatenus, si ita est, sequestrum hujusmodi, sine moræ dispendio, proinde revocetis, ne pœnas insertas in processu hujusmodi incurratis, et præfatus Ricardus, seu procurator ipsius, nomine suo, occasionem de vobis habeat conquerendi. Datum apud Rykehale, xxv. die Junii, anno, etc. Mandate to revoke the sequestration of the fruits of the church of Quicham.

Littera missa domino priori Dunolmensi, pro domino Galfrido de Haxeb[y]. Ricardus, permissione divina, Dunolmensis ecclesiæ minister humilis, prædilectis in Christo filiis, priori et conventui ecclesiæ nostræ Dunolmensis, salutem, gratiam et benedictionem. Reverendæ discretionis virum, dominum Galfridum de Axby, confratrem vestrum, ut plenius omnes nostis, eminenti litterarum scientia eruditum, honesta conversatione et bonis moribus insignitum, singulariter universis, et universaliter singulis, Letter from the bishop to the prior of Durham, in favour of Geoffrey de Axby, in consideration of his great literary merits.

A.D. 1311. vobis devotissime commendamus; caritatem vestram attentissime requirentes quatenus, quod non solum sibi sed et vobis omnibus laboravit, et memorabile nomen honoris perpetui monasterio vestro primus omnium ad- An. Episc. 1.
f. 8 b. quisivit, propensius attendentes, honorificum sibi locum et suo statui competentem, velitis favorabiliter assignare, a sæculo enim non est auditum quod aliquis in ecclesia Dunolmensi adeo profecerat in scriptura, quod sacræ theologiæ meruit esse doctor; et ideo in persona sua quilibet vestrum reputare se debet singulariter honoratum. Præterea scire vos volumus confidenter, quod processu temporis, propitiante Altissimo, si offerat se facultas, quicquid pro eo feceritis, adeo copiose compensabimus et condigne, quod honorem dicto Galfrido exhibitum nullus reputare poterit onus domus, sed commodum potius et honorem. Datum apud Rikehale, etc.

The bishop's entreaty to the prior and convent of Durham that they will take back into their favour a certain clerk.

Supplicatio. Ricardus, etc., dilectis in Christo filiis, priori et conventui ecclesiæ nostræ Dunolmensis, salutem, cum grata benedictione et gratia Salvatoris. Salubre reputantes et pium, eos quos pacis et tranquillitatis æmulus a fraterna dilectione disjunxit, cum secundum Apostolum, omnes fratres in Christo esse debeamus, exclusis odiorum fomitibus, ad caritatis unionem et vinculum revocare, quam in vestræ congregationis soliditate eo citius invenire speramus, quo gloriosus patronus noster Cuthbertus, in ultima voluntate constitutus, vos ad pacis dulcedinem ferventer novimus excitasse, devotionem vestram attente requirimus, per viscera misericordiæ Jesu Christi, quatenus dilectum in Christo clericum vestrum et nostrum, conjicientem vos et vestrum aliquos erga eum graviter provocari, et pacem vestram, tanquam dominorum suorum, vera animi affectione perquirentem, pro commissis, si deliquerit emendam quam poterit offerentem, et etiam si non deliquerit vobis complacere humiliter desiderantem, ad pacis et tranquillitatis unitatem admittere

An. Episc. 1. dignemini, et ipsum zelo dilectionis recolligentes, nostrarum precum instantia, eidem rancores et odia, quacunque occasione penes eum habita, singulariter et universaliter remittatis, et ipsius clerici constantem fidelitatem, in obsequiis bonæ memoriæ prædecessoris nostri, domini sui, adhibitam, vestra dignetur advertere discretio circumspecta; propter quod eundem proinde minime debitum censemus redargui, quin potius, sicut judicia præterita experimentis infallibilibus manifestant, ex operibus laudabilibus commendari, et vobis suam speramus industriam quamplurimum opportunam. Nobis insuper per eundem optatum responsum quæsumus remittatis. Semper in Domino valeatis. Datum, etc. A.D. 1311.

Supplicatio. Venerabili in Christo patri, domino Willelmo, Dei gratia, Eboracensi archiepiscopo, Angliæ primati, frater Ricardus, permissione divina, Dunolmensis ecclesiæ minister humilis, votivæ prosperitatis successus felices, cum obedientia, honore et reverentia. Debitor tanto patri de multis et magnis beneficiis et benevolentiis a sancta paternitate vestra nobis impensis copiosius, et exhibitis gratiose devotius, assurgimus inclinati ad quæcumque possumus munera gratiarum, sanctitatem vestram, cui gloria relinquitur ignoscendi, intimis affectibus suppliciter requirentes, quatenus cum caro confratre nostro et amico domino . . . abbate de Seleby, super contumacia, quam in concilio vestro, apud Eboracum nuperrime celebrato, non tam voluntarie quam necessario contraxit, utpote pro utilitate monasterii sui ex urgentissimis causis absens, eo velitis agere mansuetius et suavius, quo paternitati vestræ ex corde pro eo preces effundimus speciales, et quod hac vice minus provide fecit, non obtenta a vobis licentia se absentans, sibi velitis ignoscere gratiose. Letter to the archbishop of York from the bishop of Durham, in favour of the abbot of Seleby, who had been guilty of contumacy, through absence from the council at York.

Supplicatio et monitio. Ricardus, etc. Quia in statu læto et prospero confratrum nostrorum nunc sicut Letter of monition from the bishop,

A.D. 1311. enjoining that a certain person, who has slandered a religious community, shall be expelled therefrom and not be harboured or protected.

hactenus, reputamus nobis lætitiam fieri et exultationis jubilæum latius cumulari, pari modo, si quid agitur aut dicitur, quod inferat eis molestiam, aut minuat bonam famam, in eorum molestia turbamur, et graviter lædimur in eorum boni nominis læsione; cum igitur quidam laicus de quibusdam sociis quædam falso confi[n]xerit, quæ non in eorum solum, verum etiam totius cedunt congregationis, dedecus et ruborem, unde fictiones suæ et mendacia æquanimiter pingunt omnes; devotionem vestram requirimus et rogamus et exhortantes peramplius artius et mandamus, quatenus, sicut nomine, sic utique re et effectu, vos fratres et unanimes ostendentes, in eum qui maculam posuit in gloriam vestram, et odorem boni nominis vestri nititur extinguere, singulariter universi et universaliter singuli insurgentes dictum . . ab omni modo amoventes, ab ipsius familiaritate et colloquio curetis in omnibus abstinere; ab ejus præsentia sic in antea declinantes, ut de fictionibus et mendaciis suis confusus doleat, et de cætero talia confingere pertimescat, nec apud nos in hiis quæ possumus exspecte invenire gratiam, qui ipsum amodo, aut alium quemcunque, cuicunque de fratribus detrahentem, ad quamcunque familiaritatem alliciet aut defendet. Bene valete. Datum, etc. An. Episc. 1.

f. 9. The bishop's request to the prior and convent of Durham, in favour of a certain benefactor of the house.

Supplicatio.

Ricardus, etc., dilectis in Christo confratribus et filiis, priori et conventui ecclesiæ nostræ Dunolmensis, salutem, gratiam et benedictionem. De vestræ devotionis sinceritate firmam concepimus fiduciam, quod in hiis se reddet promptam et facilem, quæ honestatem sapiunt et spem boni probabilem prætendere dinoscuntur. Cum itaque, cari, confrater noster dominus . . in urgentissima domus vestræ necessitate, contra quasi potentissimum adversarium frequenter et in multis negotia communia promovit, et ultra id, quod verisimiliter quandoque præsumi potuit, animum regis inclinaverit ad defensionem juris nostri

An. Episc. 1. et illatas nobis injurias propulsandum, et ob hoc majoris gradu honoris meruit præmiari, et etiam quod in regressu suo ab ultramarinis partibus, contra consilium quorundam qui suum ei providerint patrocinium, si in eo quod de amonitione sua inchoaverat duxisset finaliter resistendum, ordinationi, voluntati, gratiæ et benevolentiæ, prioris et conventus, nobis ad id plurimum insistentibus, se submisit, et sic damnum sustinere non debet, unde meruit gratiam reportare, caritatem vestram intime requirimus et rogamus, quatenus sic honorifice et honeste de eo velitis unanimiter ordinare, ut hujusmodi submissionem, quam ad communem omnium quietem spontanee fecit, per vestram honestam et gratiosam ordinationem, inveniat fructuosam; et exemplo ipsius alii probabiliter spem assumant, viriliter pro negotiis ecclesiæ laborandi, nosque gratam ad eum affectionem vestram debeamus in Domino commendare. Bene et diu valete. Datum, etc. A.D. 1311.

Licentia quod dominus possit confirmare pueros in diœcesi Eboracensi.

Willelmus, permissione divina, Eboracensis archiepiscopus, Angliæ primas, venerabili fratri nostro, domino Ricardo, Dei gratia, Dunolmensi episcopo, salutem, et fraternæ caritatis in Domino continuum incrementum. Devotionis vestræ precibus favorabiliter inclinati, ad confirmandum pueros quoslibet, et adultos qui confirmatione indigent, necnon ad conferendum primam tonsuram ordinis clericalis legitime natis nobilium et magnatum, cæterorumque proborum virorum, nostræ diœcesis, cum per eandem contigerit vos transire, potestatem et licentiam vobis, tenore præsentium, concedimus speciale. Conservet vos ecclesiæ et populo suo Deus per tempora feliciter successiva. Datum apud Cawod, v. idus Julii, anno gratiæ M°.ccc^mo. undecimo, et pontificatus nostri sexto. Permission of the archbishop of York to the bishop of Durham, to confirm persons requiring that rite in the diocese of York.

A.D. 1311. Summons to the Parliament to be holden at London on the Sunday next before the Feast of St. Laurence.

Vocatio ad parliamentum.[1] Edwardus, Dei gratia, Rex Angliæ, dominus Hiberniæ, etc. Venerabili in Christo, patri Ricardo, eadem gratia, episcopo Dunolmensi, salutem. Eapropter plura et ardua negotia nos et statum regni nostri tangentia, die Dominica proxima ante festum Beati Laurentii proxime futurum, ordinavimus, Deo propitio, Londoniis parliamentum tenere, et vobiscum ac cum cæteris prælatis et proceribus de dicto regno nostro, super negotiis prædictis habere colloquium et tractatum; vobis mandamus, in fide et dilectione quibus nobis tenemini, firmiter injungentes, quod, omnibus aliis prætermissis, sitis ad nos in propria persona vestra ad diem et locum prædictos, ibidem nobiscum et cum prælatis et proceribus supradictis, super dictis negotiis tractaturi, vestrumque consilium impensuri; præmunientes priorem et capitulum ecclesiæ vestræ Dunolmensis, archidiaconum, totumque clerum vestræ diœcesis, quod iidem prior et archidiaconus in propriis personis suis, et dictum capitulum per unum, idemque clerus per duos procuratores idoneos, plenam et sufficientem potestatem ab ipsis capitulo et clero habentes, una vobiscum intersint, modis omnibus tunc ibidem, ad faciendum et consentiendum hiis quæ tunc de communi consilio, favente Domino, ordinari contigerit super negotiis antedictis. Et hoc nullo modo omittatis. Teste meipso apud Berewicum, etc. [xvi. die Junii, anno regni nostri, quarto]. An. Episc. 1.

Inquisition to be made as to the right of presentation to the chapel of Tyllemowe.

Inquisitio. Reverendissimo in Christo patri ac domino, domino Ricardo, Dei gratia, Dunelmensi episcopo, suus domini archidiaconi Northumbriæ officialis, salutem, obedientiam, reverentiam, pariter et honorem.

[1] The bishop of Durham's name does not appear on the Close Roll 4 Edw. 2, m. 1, among the other bishops who were summoned to this parliament. See ante, p. 17: but he was summoned on the 8th of October to the parliament to be holden at Westminster on the 18th of November 1311.

An. Episc. 1. Mandatum vestrum recepi in hæc verba;—Ricardus, A.D. 1311.
permissione divina, episcopus Dunelmensis, dilecto filio suo, Archidiacono Northumbriæ, seu ejus locum tenenti, salutem, gratiam et benedictionem. Ad capellam de Tyllemowe, nostræ diœcesis, ut dicitur, vacantem, et ad præsentationem dilecti filii, domini Willelmi Rydell, militis, ut dicit, spectantem, idem miles nobis dominum Johannem de Kelly prætendit, presbyterum litteratorie præsentavit; vobis mandamus, quatenus in pleno loci capitulo, per viros fidedignos, rectores, vicarios et capellanos, diligentem faciatis inquisitionem, an dicta capella vacet, et a quo tempore, qualiter, et quis sit ejus verus patronus; quis ultimo præsentavit ad eandem, an sit pensionaria, et in quantum, vel litigiosa, et de conditionibus præsentati ad eandem, et aliis articulis debitis et consuetis. Quid autem per dictam inquisitionem f. 9 b.
inveneritis, nos per vestras clausas literas, harum seriem continentes, sub vestro et contestificantium sigillis, reddatis dilucide certiores. Valete. Dat' apud Dythton', Eboracensis diœcesis, ij. kal. Junii, anno Domini M°.ccc^mo. undecimo, et pontificatus nostri primo.—Hujus igitur auctoritate mandati, in pleno loci capitulo, idibus Julii, anno Domini M°.ccc^mo. undecimo, diligentem feci inquisitionem, per vicarios de Elingham, Norham, Ildirton', Brankeston', et Chevelingham, necnon per dominos Ranulphum de Fenton', Rogerum de Baumburgh', Petrum de Lowyk', Adam de Norham, Johannem de Leycestr', Hugonem de Akeld, et Willelmum de Hyley, capellanos. Qui dicunt jurati, quod dicta capella vacat, et vacavit a festo Ascensionis Domini ultimo præterito, et hoc per mortem domini Johannis de Wolveston, ultimi instituti in eadem. Item dicunt quod dominus Willelmus Rydell, miles, est verus ejusdem capellæ patronus, et ultimo præsentavit ad eandem; non est pensionaria nec litigiosa. De conditionibus præsentati dicunt, quod est liber et legitimus, ac etiam bene morigeratus. De aliis articulis debitis et consuetis legitime requisiti,

A.D. 1311. penitus nihil sciunt. In cujus rei testimonium, huic præsenti inquisitioni, sigillis contestificantium consignatæ, sigillum officialis Northumbriæ duxi apponendum. Datum apud Wollouer, anno et die supradictis. An. Episc. 1.

Custody of the chapel of Tillemue committed to John de Kelly, who is to answer on his oath for the profits of the same.

Memorandum quod habet diem usque ad festum Pentecostes proxime futurum. Venit infra terminum et docuit.

Ricardus, permissione divina, Dunelmensis episcopus, dilecto filio, domino Johanni de Kelly, salutem, gratiam et benedictionem. Custodiam capellæ de Tillemue, nostræ diœcesis, vacantis, cum suis juribus et pertinentiis universis, usque ad festum Pentecostes proxime futurum, tibi, de cujus fidelitate et industria ad plenum confidimus, committimus per præsentes; ita tamen, quod dicta capella debitis non defraudetur obsequiis, et de oneribus eidem incumbentibus respondeas, seu facias responderi, prout juramentum, tactis sacrosanctis evangeliis, præstitisti corporaliter coram nobis, et interim de sacris ordinibus tuis, ad quos dicitur te esse promotum, legitime doceas juxta canonicas sanctiones. Valete. Datum apud Northalverton', xiij°. kal. Augusti, anno Domini M°.ccc^mo. undecimo, et pontificatus nostri primo.

General sentence of excommunication by the archbishop of York against spoilers of ecclesiastical property.

Generalis sententia contra rapientes bona ecclesiastica.

Willelmus, permissione divina, Eboracensis archiepiscopus, Angliæ primas, dilecto filio, officiali nostro Eboracensi, salutem, gratiam et benedictionem. Cum simus, licet immeriti et indigni, super speculam Domini constituti, quotiens nostri subditi a via rectitudinis exorbitent, eis, ex injuncto nobis officio regiminis pastoralis, imminentia sibi pericula tenemur evidentius intimare, ne tacentes, juxta instituta canonica, consentire videamur errantibus, et eorum sanguis, in districto venerati Judicis examine, de nostris manibus requiratur; ad nostram siquidem audientiam, non sine gravi cordis amaritudine, jam pervenit, quod nonnulli nostri subditi, suæ salutis immemores, et proprii prosecutores, honores, domos,

An. Episc. 1. maneria, grangias et alia loca ad ecclesias et personas ecclesiasticas pertinentia, præter permissionem et voluntatem dominorum, vel eorum qui sunt custodes locorum hujusmodi deputati, passim ingredi, ac blada et alia bona ibidem inventa, auferre, consumere, vel etiam contrectare, ausu temerario non verentur; in suæ salutis dispendium, ac libertatis et immunitatis ecclesiasticæ præjudicium manifestum; necnon contra inhibitionem domini nostri regis expressam, in comitatu Eboracensi, de ipsius domini regis mandato speciali, solemniter publicatam; super qua penes nos ejusdem domini regis patentem literam noverint residere. Cum igitur præsumptores hujusmodi in majoris excommunicationis sententiam damnati incidant ipso facto, prout in constitutione quadam, per felicis recordationis dominum Ottobonum, quondam sedis apostolicæ legatum in Anglia, salubriter edita, plenius continetur; ne prædicti periculi ignorantiam valeant prætendere, vel causare, nosque, ex eorum ignorantia, periculosius involvamur, vobis mandamus, firmiter injungentes, quatenus omnes et singulos qui ad domos, maneria, grangias, vel alia loca, ecclesiarum seu ecclesiasticarum personarum attendentes, ab ipsis blada seu alia quæcumque bona capere vel auferre, aut qualitercumque consumere, vel ecclesiam contrectare, præsumpserint, absque permissione et voluntate dominorum, vel eorum qui rerum hujusmodi sunt custodes, in majoris excommunicationis sententiam ipso facto damnabiliter incidisse, per totam nostram diœcesim, singulis diebus Dominicis et festivis proxime sequentibus, pulsatis campanis, accensisque candelis, intra missarum solemnia faciatis publice et solemniter nunciari; inhibentes omnibus et singulis nostris subditis, qui in præmissis, vel eorum aliquo, quoscunque culpabiles esse noverint, ne cum eis communicent, nec in præmissis a juris casibus quovismodo, ut sibi saltem rubore suffusi ad reconciliationis gratiam citius inclinentur. Quid autem feceritis in præmissis, et qualiter A.D. 1311.

A.D. 1311. præsens mandatum nostrum fueritis executi, nobis, vel vicario nostro generali, nobis absentibus, citra[1] festum Assumptionis Beatæ Mariæ Virginis, distincte et aperte constare faciatis per vestras patentes literas, harum seriem continentes. Valete. An. Episc. 1.

f. 10. Mandate to proceed forthwith in the matter of a matrimonial cause between Walter del Brom and Idonya, daughter of Thomas de Esshe.

Querela. Ricardus, permissione divina, Dunolmensis episcopus, dilecto filio, domino archidiacono Dunolmensis officiali, vel ejus locum tenenti, salutem, gratiam et benedictionem. Querelam Walteri del Brom, nostræ diœcesis, recepimus, continentem quod vos ad decisionem causæ matrimonialis nuper motæ coram vobis inter Idonyam filiam Thomæ de Esshe, actricem, ex parte una, et eundem Walterum, reum, ex altera, ac diutius ventilatæ, licet de ipsius causæ meritis vobis constet, aut de levi constare poterit, ob aliquarum personarum instantiam et favorem, procedere non curantes, ipsam causam tenetis plus debito in suspenso. Quocirca vobis firmiter præcipiendo mandamus, quatenus in dicta causa matrimoniali, qualibet frivola dilatione et excusatione semota, debite procedentes, eidem Waltero justitiæ complementum favorabiliter impendatis, ne ad nos querela inde veniat iterata. Valete. Datum apud Stoketon', xij. kal. Augusti, anno, etc. [M°.CCC^mo.] xj°.

Mandate of the bishop to the prebendal dean of Chester [le Strete], for stopping a citation.

Mandatum decano Cestrensi de non obstante retardatione. Ricardus, permissione divina, etc., dilectis in Christo filiis domino . . . decano ecclesiæ præbendalis de Cestria, nostræ diœcesis, suisque collegis, religiosi viri, domini abbatis de Albalanda, ejusdem nostræ diœcesis, judicis unici in negotio infrascripto a sede apostolica delegati, commissariis, salutem, cum gratia et benedictione Salvatoris. Ex insinuatione dilecti filii magistri Roberti, clerici nostri, nuper recepimus, quod

[1] *citra*] contra, MS.

An. Episc. 1. Willelmus dominus de Fernacres, Thomas de Holynsyde et quidam alii, coram vobis, domine decane, auctoritate apostolica cognoscentibus, citati, ad ipsius clerici instantiam comparentes, se in quibusdam pecuniarum summis ex diversis causis eidem clerico teneri fatebantur, occasionem retardandæ satisfactionis quærentes, donec nobiscum super hoc colloquium habuerint personale, acsi nos hujus retardationis auctor essemus, quid in exhibenda justitia omnibus sumus debitores obnixi; vobis igitur, et vestrum cuilibet, innotescimus per præsentes, nostræ voluntatis esse, per vos, secundum modum jurisdictionis vobis in hac parte a sede apostolica attributæ, dictis partibus et omnibus quos hujusmodi negotium contingit, justitiam et juris executionem fieri, secundum prudentiam vobis a Deo datam; colore retardationis prædictæ, ac mandato contrario, si quod a nobis emanasse prætendatur, quod non credimus, non obstante, quasi intentionis non existat dicto magistro Roberto, sicut nec alii cuilibet, in reddendo veritatis debitum aliqualiter adversari. In cujus rei, etc. Datum apud Stoketon', xxj°. die mensis Julii, anno Domini millesimo ccc^mo^.xj°., et pontificatus nostri primo. A.D. 1311.

Quod sequestrum relaxetur. Order for a sequestration to be relaxed as to tithes in the parish of Chester [le Strete].

Ricardus, etc., dilecto in Christo filio magistro Willelmo de Kellawe, sequestratori nostro generali, salutem, etc. Decimas locorum infra parochiam ecclesiæ Cestrensis, indubitanter existentium, communæ canonicorum residentium in ipsa ecclesia Cestrensi deputatas, quas dilectus filius magister Robertus de Baldok', clericus noster, canonicus ejusdem ecclesiæ, suo tempore, prætextu residentiæ per ipsum in eadem ecclesia nuper factæ, pacifice possedit, et quiete, per vos nolumus sequestrari; et si quid sequestrum interposuistis in eisdem, illud relaxetis indilate, jure ecclesiæ Sancti Oswaldi, quoad decimas wastorum de Haya, per omnia salvo. Bene valete.

A.D. 1311. Datum apud Stoketon', xxj°. die mensis Julii, anno Domini millesimo ccc^mo. xj°. An. Episc. 1.

Commission to take cognizance of a suit between certain executors.

Commissio. Ricardus, permissione divina, etc., dilectis in Christo filiis, ecclesiarum de Wolsingham et Sancto Mariæ in Ballio Australi Dunolm' rectoribus, salutem, gratiam et benedictionem. Ad cognoscendum, exequendum, statuendum et diffiniendum, in causa seu negotio, quæ, vel quod, vertitur, seu verti speratur, inter executores testamentorum domini Alani de Lascels, militis, defuncti, et magistri quondam Johannis de Castro Bernardi, actores, ex parte una, et dominum Ricardum de Roubirs, hæredem et executorem testamenti Walteri de Roubirs, patris sui defuncti, et alios executores suos, Johannemque dictum Scot' de Novo Castro super Tinam, ac etiam executores testamenti Johannis Trayniz, nuper defuncti, reos, ex altera, vobis, conjunctim et divisim, vices nostras committimus, cum cujuslibet canonicæ coercionis potestate, donec eas ad nos duxerimus revocandas. Datum ut supra, anno Domini, etc. [M°.ccc^mo.] xj°., et pontificatus nostri primo.

Memorandum as to delivering up the seal of the office and all records belonging to the keeper of the spiritualities of Alvertonshire.

Memorandum. Quod undecimo kalendas Augusti præsentatus fuit Willelmus de Berford, clericus, ad ecclesiam de Morpath', per dominum Radulphum filium Willelmi militis, et habuit literas inquisitionis ad archidiaconum Northumbriæ, seu ejus locum tenentem ; — Ricardus, permissione divina, Dunolmensis episcopus, magistro Thomæ de Levesham, salutem, gratiam et benedictionem. Cum nuper custodiam jurisdictionis nostræ spiritualitatis de Alvertonshyre dilecto clerico nostro, magistro Henrico de Alverton', cum omnibus quæ ad officium custodis jurisdictionis hujusmodi pertinere noscuntur, commisissemus ; vos, nuper custos jurisdictionis prædictæ, sigillum officii et rotulos dictum officium contingentia penes vos adhuc,

An. Episc. 1. ut intelleximus, detinetis, sine quibus idem custos noster non poterit officium debite expedire; quocirca discretionem vestram requirimus, rogamus et hortamur in Domino, quatenus infra octo dies a tempore receptionis præsentium, cum tempore ulterius deliberandi consilium nullatenus patiatur, dictum sigillum, cum omnibus rotulis officium et jurisdictionem prædictam contingentibus, præfato magistro Henrico integraliter liberetis, aut faciatis actualiter liberari. Valete. Datum apud Alverton', xiiij. kalendas Augusti, anno Domini millesimo trecentesimo undecimo, et pontificatus nostri primo. A.D. 1311.

Indulgentia. Ricardus, permissione divina, Dunolmensis episcopus, dilectis in Christo filiis, abbatibus, prioribus, collegiis, archidiaconis, officialibus, decanis, rectoribus, vicariis, presbyteris et ministris, necnon aliis universis ecclesiarum prælatis, per Dunolmensem civitatem et diœcesim constitutis, salutem in sinceris amplexibus Salvatoris. Inter cætera piæ devotionis opera, id in conspectu Altissimi credimus gratum, quod ad fundationem et reparationem ecclesiarum gratiose convertitur et liberaliter confertur pro salute credentium, et in remissionem peccatorum. Cum itaque conventualis ecclesia Beatæ Mariæ de Giseburgh', per repetitum incendii voraginem, una cum libris et vestimentis, calicibus et aliis suis bonis nonnullis, quasi ad extremam consumptionem, ut accepimus, sit redacta, adeo quod ad reparationem tam miserabilis ruinæ ecclesiæ ejusdem non credantur sufficere facultates; nos, tanto discrimini paternis affectibus prospicere cupientes, devotionem vestram studiose requirimus, rogantes et in Domino attentius exhortantes, quatinus cum procurator vel procuratores præfatæ conventualis ecclesiæ ad vos venerit, sive venerint, pro fidelium eleemosynis colligendis, eos, in primis capitulis vestris celebrandis post inspectionem præsentium, præ omnibus aliis negotiis consimilibus, benevole

Indulgence to those who contribute to the reparation of the church of Giseburgh again destroyed by fire.

f. 10 b.

A.D. 1311. admittatis, eorum negotium parochianis et subditis vestris efficaci compendio exponentes, ipsos parochianos et subditos vestros, Dei et nostri intuitu, benignius inducatis, ut, de bonis sibi a Deo collatis, ad restaurationem, restitutionem et fabricam prædictæ ecclesiæ sua conferant beneficia et subsidia caritatis; pro quibus æternale præmium ab ipso pio Domino valeat promereri. Nos autem, de ejusdem omnipotentis Dei miti misericordia, et gloriosæ Virginis prænominatæ, necnon sanctissimi confessoris et patroni nostri Cuthberti, omniumque sanctorum, meritis confidentes, omnibus parochianis nostris, et aliis quorum diœcesani hanc nostram indulgentiam ratam habuerint, de peccatis suis vere contritis et confessis, qui, juxta exhortationem nostram prædictam ecclesiam relev[av]erint memoratam, seu ad fabricam ejusdem de bonis suis a Deo sibi collatis manus porrexerint adjutrices, quadraginta dies de injuncta sibi pœnitentia, Deo propitio, misericorditer relaxamus: indulgentias vero a venerabilibus patribus archiepiscopis, [et] episcopis a sede apostolica gratiam obtinentibus, ad id concessas, et in posterum concedendas, quatenus in nobis est, ratas habentes, pariter et acceptas. In cujus rei testimonium, sigillum nostrum præsentibus est appensum. Datum apud Stoketon', vij°. kal. Augusti, anno Domini millesimo trecentesimo undecimo, et pontificatus nostri primo. An. Episc. 1.

Certain clerks accused of robbery and incarcerated at Durham, to be released upon due purgation.

Pro clericis incarceratis liberandis.

Ricardus, permissione divina, etc., dilecto sibi in Christo filio, discreti viri domini archidiaconi Dunolmensis officiali, salutem, gratiam et benedictionem. Cum Walterus de Seggefeld, Willelmus de Cestria, et Willelmus de Warde, clerici nostræ diœcesis, occasione criminis furti eis impositi, nostræ carcerali custodiæ apud Dunolmum a tempore non modico mancipati, et adhuc in ea detenti, offerant se paratos de crimine hujus canonice se purgare, nos, volentes, quatenus jura permittunt, misericorditer agere cum eisdem, de vestra fidelitate et discretione circum-

An. Episc. 1. specta plenam in Domino fiduciam obtinentes, ad inquirendum de vita et conversatione prædictorum Walteri, Willelmi et Willelmi, in locis ubi originem traxerunt, vel diutius conversati sunt, et etiam ubi dicuntur crimen hujusmodi commisisse, et in eventu ad admittendum eorum purgationem de crimine eis imposito, in forma juris, cum viris fidedignis et non suspectis, dum tamen aliquod canonicum non obsistat, facta prius publica proclamatione, et solemni citatione, in genere, in ecclesia nostra Dunolmensi, et singulis ecclesiis loci decanatus ubi dicuntur crimen hujusmodi commisisse, quod omnes et singuli qui contra præfatos Walterum, Willelmum et Willelmum, et purgationem suam hujusmodi, se velint opponere, compareant coram vobis ad certos diem et locum, quos ad hoc duxeritis statuendos, causas rationabiles, si quas habeant, quare præfati Walterus, Willelmus et Willelmus, ad purgandum se de prædicto crimine eis imposito, admitti non debeant, præcise et peremptorie proposituri, facturique ulterius, et recepturi, quod justum fuerit in hoc casu, vobis vices nostras committimus, cum coercionis canonicæ potestate. Bene valete. Datum apud Stoketon', decimo kalendas Augusti, anno Domini millesimo trecentesimo undecimo, et pontificatus nostri primo. A.D. 1311.

Consimilis litera fuit missa decano Cestrensi, duodecimo die Septembris, pro Petro de Scartheburgh', et Ada de Warchekop'.[1]

Collatio præbendæ. Ricardus, etc., dilecto in Christo filio, magistro Radulpho de Holbech', salutem, gratiam, et benedictionem. Literarum peritia, mores f. 21,[2] Collation of Ralph de Holbech to a prebend in the collegiate church

[1] A memorandum at the foot of folio 10 *b*, in the handwriting of the late Rev. James Raine, states that eleven leaves are wanting here, but ten only are missing. At the foot of the page is written "Primus Quater-" nus," and at the foot of the page immediately following are the words "Tertius Quaternus," thus shewing that the whole of the "Secundus " Quaternus" is missing.

[2] The last folio was 10, and the old pagination of this page is 21.

A.D. 1311. of Chester void by the resignation of Thomas de Goldesburgh.

etiam, et merita probitatis, ac al[iarum vir]tutum quibus te novimus multipliciter insignitum, nos excitant et inducunt ut personam tuam debeamus favore prosequi gratioso. Hinc est quod præbendam et canonicatum ecclesiæ collegiatæ de Cestria, nostræ diœcesis, quondam domini Thomæ de Goldesburgh', per liberam resignationem ejusdem domini Thomæ vacantem, et ad nostram collationem pleno jure spectantem, tibi conferimus, cum suis juribus et pertinentiis universis, intuitu caritatis; teque per annulum nostrum investimus præsentialiter de eisdem. In cujus rei testimonium præsentes literas tibi fieri, et nostro sigillo fecimus communiri. Datum apud Gretham, xxj°. die mensis Octobris, anno Domini M°.ccc^mo.xj°., et pontificatus nostri primo. An. Episc. 1.

Induction of Ralph de Holbech to a prebend in the collegiate church of Chester, void by the resignation of Thomas de Goldesburg.'

Inductio ejusdem.

Ricardus, etc., archidiacono Dunolmensi, vel ejus officiali, salutem, gratiam et benedictionem. Quia præbendam et canonicatum ecclesiæ collegiatæ de Cestria, nostræ diœcesis, quondam domini Thomæ de Goldesburg', per liberam resignationem domini Thomæ prædicti vacantem, et ad nostram collationem pleno jure spectantem, dilecto clerico nostro, magistro Radulpho de Holbech', cum suis juribus et pertinentiis universis contulimus, intuitu caritatis; vobis mandamus quatenus eundem magistrum Radulphum, vel ejus procuratorem pro eo, in corporalem possessionem ipsius præbendæ, cum suis juribus et pertinentiis, stallo sibi in choro, et loco in capitulo assignatis, visis præsentibus, inducatis, et inductum auctoritate nostra, prout convenit, defendatis. Datum apud Gretham, xxj°. die mensis Octobris, anno Domini M°.ccc^mo.xj°., et pontificatus nostri primo.

Collation of Eustace de Lisle to a chantry in the collegiate church of

Collatio cantariæ.

Ricardus, permissione divina, Dunelmensis episcopus, dilecto in Christo filio, domino Eustachio de Insula, salutem, gratiam et benedictionem. Experta tuæ probitatis industria familiariter

An. Episc. 1. et domestice nobis nota, ad tuæ promotionis augmentum spiritualiter nos excitat et inducit. Hinc est quod cantariam altaris Beatæ Mariæ Virginis in ecclesia collegiata de Aukland, quam dominus Johannes de Wachinfeld, dum vixit, habuit, et [quæ] ad nostram collationem pleno jure pertinere dinoscitur, cum suis juribus et pertinentiis universis, ac cæteris quæ incumbunt, tibi tuo perpetuo conferimus intuitu caritatis. In cujus rei, etc. Datum apud Stokton', xxij°. die Octobris, pontificatus nostri anno primo.

A.D. 1311. Auckland, void by the death of John de Wachinfeld.

Pensio. Christi fidelibus universis pateat per præsentes, quod nos, Ricardus, permissione divina, Dunelmensis episcopus, attendentes et considerantes grata et utilia obsequia quæ magister Willelmus de Stanes nobis et ecclesiæ nostræ Dunelmensi hactenus fideliter impendit, et impendere poterit in futurum, annuam pensionem centum solidorum eidem pro fideli obsequio suo nobis hactenus impenso, et in posterum, quotiens requisitus fuerit, impendendo, damus et concedimus, in festis Sancti Martini in hieme et Pentecostes ad Scaccarium nostrum Dunelmense, pro æqualibus portionibus persolvendam, donec eidem per nos de beneficio ecclesiastico sit provisum. In cujus rei, etc. Datum apud Langneuton', etc.

Grant of an annual pension of 100*s.* to William de Stanes.

Idem. Consimiles literas habet magister Philippus de Nassyngton' de annua pensione quatuor marcarum, ad eosdem terminos solvenda, donec eidem uberius sit provisum.

Annual pension of four marks to Philip de Nassyngton.

Pensio. Christi fidelibus universis pateat per præsentes, quod nos, Ricardus, permissione divina, Dunelmensis episcopus, attendentes et considerantes promptæ devotionis benevolentiam, et efficacem industriam quam, in nostris procurandis et promovendis[1] ne-

Annual pension of one mark to Henry de Rillington.

[1] *promovendis*] procurantis in MS.

A.D. 1311. gotiis, magister Henricus de Rillington' hactenus appo- An. Episc. 1.
suit et ostendit, annuam pensionem unius marcæ, pro fideli obsequio suo nobis impenso, et inposterum quotiens requisitus fuerit impendendo, eidem, dum procuratoris gerit officium in curia Eboracensi, damus et concedimus, in festis Sancti Martini in hieme et Pentecostes, ad Scaccarium nostrum Dunelmense, pro æqualibus portionibus persolvendam. In cujus rei, etc. Datum apud Langneuton', etc.

Annual pension of one mark to Hugh de Tesedale.

Idem. Consimiles literas habet magister Hugo de Tesedale, de annua pensione unius marcæ, ad eosdem terminos persolvenda.

Citation to the rector and parishioners of Brandespath to attend the bishop's visitation there.

[1] Ricardus, etc., capellano parochialis ecclesiæ de Braundespath', salutem, gratiam et benedictionem. Quia variis et certis causis præpediti, præfatam ecclesiam et ejus parochiam, die per nos alias assignato, visitare non valemus, vobis injungimus et mandamus, quatenus rectorem, capellanos et clericos, dictæ ecclesiæ, necnon laicos dictæ parochiæ per nos alias evocatos, super hoc præmunientes, prædictos rectorem, capellanos, clericos et laicos, citetis peremptorie, quod compareant coram nobis in ecclesia de Braundespath' prædicta, die Jovis, videlicet in festo Sancti Martini, visitationem nostram sufficienter et legitime suscepturi, facturique et recepturi quod canonicum fuerit et consonum rationi. Quid autem in præmissis feceritis, nos dictis die et loco, per vestras patentes literas harum seriem continentes, reddatis certiores. Valete. Datum, etc.

f. 21 b. Citation to the rector and parishioners of Corbrig' to attend the bishop's visitation there.

Citatio inquisitionis. Ricardus, etc., decano de Corbrig', salutem, gratiam et benedictionem. Quia ecclesiam parochialem de Corbrig', et ejusdem parochiam, in personis et rebus, juxta officii nostri debitum, certis ex causis, per nos vel per alium visitare proponimus,

[1] No marginal note in MS.

An. Episc. 1. Domino permittente, vobis, in virtute obedientiæ, firmiter injungimus et mandamus, quatenus rectorem, vicarium, capellanos parochiales et clericos dictæ ecclesiæ, ac capellanos alios quoscunque infra dictæ ecclesiæ parochiam ubicunque celebrantes, necnon de singulis villis prædictæ parochiæ, prout sint majores vel minores, sex, quatuor, vel tres, viros fidedignos, per quos rei veritas melius sciri poterit, citetis peremptorie, quod compareant coram nobis, vel commissariis nostris, uno vel pluribus, in ecclesia de Corebrig' supradicta, die Jovis proxima post festum Sancti Lucæ Evangelistæ, visitationem nostram personaliter suscepturi, prout debent, et super requirendis ab eis, juxta hujusmodi negotii qualitatem, meram et plenam dicturi veritatem, facturique ulterius, et recepturi, quod canonicum fuerit, et salubre. Quid autem in præmissis feceritis, nos vel commissarios nostros, unum vel plures, dictis die et loco, et de nominibus citatorum, per vestras patentes literas, harum seriem continentes, reddatis certiores. Valete. Datum, etc. A.D. 1311.

[Com]missio ad in[quire]ndum. Commission to inquire concerning the state and condition of the church of Correbrigg'.

Ricardus, etc., dilecto filio magistro Willelmo de Kellawe, clerico, salutem, gratiam et benedictionem. Ad audientiam nostram, fama publica referente, pervenit quod ecclesia parochialis de Correbrigg', tam in personis quam in rebus, in capite et in membris, multipliciter adeo est collapsa, quod nisi celeriori reformatione sibi prospiciatur, vix adjicietur ut resurgat. Quocirca tibi, de cujus discretione circumspecta, pariter et industria, plenam in Domino fiduciam obtinemus, ad inquirendum plene et specialiter de ipsius ecclesiæ, et ejus parochiæ, et personarum et ministrorum ejusdem, tam vicarii quam capellanorum et clericorum, statu et conditionibus, quæ ad ipsius ecclesiæ et ejus parochiæ reformationem, et ipsarum personarum correctionem tuo arbitrio requirantur, vices nostras committimus, cum coercionis canonicæ potestate, In cujus rei, etc. Datum, etc.

A.D. 1311. Monition to the executors of Ralph de Chesewyk to satisfy the prior of the church of Holy Island for the mortuary of the said Ralph.

[Monit]io de satis[faci]endo pro mor[tua]rio.

An. Episc. 1.

Ricardus, permissione divina, etc., discreto viro, decano de Baunburgh', salutem in Auctore salutis. Vobis, in virtute obedientiæ, injungimus firmiter et mandamus, quatenus executores testamenti Radulphi de Chesewyk', jam defuncti specialiter et nominatim moneatis, quod de uno equo badio, nomine mortuarii, et pro mortuario ejusdem Radulphi ecclesiæ matrici de Insula Sacra, cujus idem Ricardus,[1] dum vixit, parochianus extitit, notorie debito, ut dicitur, infra octo dies, a tempore monitionis hujusmodi eis factæ, priori de Insula Sacra, ecclesiæ supradictæ nomine, satisfaciant competenter. Alioquin ipsos executores, et quemcunque detentorem ejusdem equi, citetis peremptorie quod compareant coram nostro officiali, ejusve commissariis, uno vel pluribus, in Galilea Dunolmi, secundo die juridico proximo post festum Omnium Sanctorum ; rationes, si quas habent, quare ad traditionem seu liberationem dicti equi, nomine mortuarii dicti Radulphi suprascripti, vel alias ad satisfactionem in hac parte, compelli minime debeant, proposituri et ostensuri, aliasque recepturi et facturi quod justitia suadebit. Quid autem in præmissis feceritis, et de nominibus citatorum, dictum officialem nostrum, ejusve commissarios, unum vel plures, dictis die et loco, per vestras patentes literas harum seriem continentes, reddatis certiores. Valete. Datum, etc.

Collation of Richard de Eryum to a prebend in the collegiate church of Langcester, void by the death of Peter de Lisle.

Collatio præbendæ Langcestr'.

Ricardus, permissione, etc., dilecto in Christo filio, magistro Ricardo de Eryum, clerico nostro, salutem, gratiam et benedictionem. Mores et merita probitatis, literarum peritia, vita laudabilis et honesta conversatio familiariter et domestice, nobis nota, aliaque virtutum dona quibus te novimus multipliciter insigniri, spiritualiter nos excitant et inducunt favore te prosequi gratioso. Hinc

[1] Sic, for "Radulphus."

An. Episc. 1. est quod canonicatum et præbendam in ecclesia collegiata Langcestr', per mortem magistri Petri de Insula vacantem, et ad nostram collationem pleno jure spectantem, tibi conferimus, intuitu caritatis, teque de eisdem corporaliter investimus. In cujus rei testimonium, præsentes literas tibi fieri, et nostro sigillo fecimus communiri. Datum, etc., xxiiij°. die Octobris. A.D. 1311.

Et mandatum fuit decano Langcestr', ut ipsum in possessionem induceret corporalem, et defenderet inductum.

. . . qua indigent . . . no statuti re . . .

Certificate to be sent to the bishop of such new suits as require remedy.

Ricardus, etc. Cum circa curam subditorum, pacem etiam, et quietem, quantum nobis ex Alto permittitur, efficaciter intendamus insistere, et, omni semota segnitie, vigilantius nos habere, ut gregi nostro in hiis quæ possumus provide consulamus, discretioni vestræ committimus et mandamus, quatenus per singulas parochias archidiaconatus vestri, per rectores et curatos, ac vicarios earundem, investigari faciatis operosius, et solicite perquiri, si in clero vel populo novi casus aut lites emerserint, quibus oportebit novi consilii seu statuti remedio subvenire; super quibus vos certificare distinctius et quantocius non omittant; de quibus etiam citra instans festum Sancti Michaelis, ubicunque fuerimus in nostra diœcesi, per vestras literas, quæ harum repræsentent seriem, per vos reddi petimus et præcipimus certiores, ut in synodo nostra apud Dunelmum, communi omnium consilio, pro prædictis casibus seu litibus, et etiam similibus in futurum, ordinari possit, seu statui, quod magis videbitur conveniens et salubre. Valete. Datum, etc.

f. 22.

Citatio contra plurales.

Citation to certain persons having cure of souls to appear before the bishop or his commissary as holding pluralities.

Ricardus, etc., archidiacono Dunelmensi, etc. Quia duas ecclesias quibus animarum cura imminet, sine dispensatione Apostolica, contra formam constitutionis super hoc editæ, non potest aliquis licite occupare, ac magister Johannes de Insula,

A.D. 1311. ecclesias de Boldon', et de Bolom, in nostra diœcesi constitutas; magister Henricus de Luceby, ecclesiam de Wllour in nostra diœcesi, et ecclesiam de Woldneuton' in Lyncolniensi diœcesi, constitutas; dominus Stephanus de Manlay, ecclesias de Hoghton' et de Halghton', in nostri diœcesi, et ecclesias de Bayngton et de Hemmyngburgh', in Eboracensi diœcesi, constitutas; dominus Thomas de Goldesburgh', ecclesiam de Esington', in nostra diœcesi, ecclesiam de Schippewych, in Eboracensi diœcesi, ecclesias de Holbetch' et de Kyrketon', in Lyncolniensi diœcesi constitutas; magister Nicolaus de Well', archidiaconus Northumbriæ, ecclesiam de Houwyk', in nostra diœcesi, et ecclesiam de Caldebek', in Karliolensi diœcesi, constitutas; magister Johannes de Botheby, ecclesiam de Ryton', in nostra diœcesi, et ecclesiam de Goldesburgh', in Eboracensi diœcesi, constitutas; et magister Willelmus de Markeland, decanatum de Cestria, in nostra diœcesi, et ecclesiam de Donyngton', in Eboracensi diœcesi, constitutas, quibus omnibus et singulis cura imminet, tenent, occupant, et sine dispensatione apostolica, ut asseritur, obtinent in præsenti:—Vobis auctoritate ordinaria, qua fungimur in hac parte, injungimus, committimus et mandamus, quatenus citetis, seu citari peremptorie faciatis, omnes prædictos rectores, necnon omnes alios rectores, plures ecclesias infra nostram diœcesim, quibus animarum cura imminet, obtinentes, quod compareant coram nobis, vel commissariis nostris, uno vel pluribus, in Galilea Dunelmi, sexto die juridico post festum Sancti Michaelis Archangeli, dispensationes suas, auctoritate quarum hujusmodi ecclesias canonice tenere se asserunt, ostensuri, exhibituri, ulteriusque facturi et recepturi in præmissis, et circa præmissa, quod justitia suadebit. De die vero porrectionis præsentium vobis factæ, et qualiter mandatum hujusmodi fueritis executi, nobis, vel commissariis nostris, uni vel pluribus, ad dictos diem et locum constare faciatis, per literas vestras patentes, harum seriem continentes. Datum, etc. An. Episc. 1.

An. Episc. 1. Commissio ad procedendum. Ricardus, etc., discretis viris, etc. De vestræ circumspectionis et fidelitatis industria plenam in Domino fiduciam obtinentes, vobis et vestrum cuilibet, conjunctim et divisim, ad recipiendum et admittendum dispensationes, jura seu privilegia omnium et singulorum, quos ad exhibendum, proponendum et ostendendum dispensationes, jura seu privilegia sua, si quæ habent, super retentionem beneficiorum ecclesiasticorum, curam habentium animarum, quæ simul obtinere noscuntur, coram nobis, seu commissariis nostris, uno vel pluribus, in Galilea Dunelmi, nuper fecimus evocari, et ad pronunciandum et faciendum super exhibitis et propositis, quod canonicum fuerit, et consonum rationi, et prout hujusmodi negotii qualitas exigit et requirit, vices nostras committimus, cum coercionis canonicæ potestate, donec eas ad nos duxerimus revocandas. In cujus rei, etc. Datum, etc.

A.D 1311. Commission to proceed in the matter of pluralities.

Procuratorium ad mutuum contrahendum. Universis sanctæ matris ecclesiæ filiis, pateat per præsentes, quod nos, Ricardus, permissione divina, Dunolmensis episcopus, dilectum nobis in Christo, magistrum Johannem de Sneynton', clericum, facimus, constituimus et ordinamus procuratorem nostrum in Romana curia, et nuncium specialem, ad promittendum, concedendum, fatendum et recognoscendum, nos teneri et obligari, ex dono nostro, sanctissimo in Christo, et domino nostro, domino Clementi, divina providentia, sacrosanctæ Romanæ et universalis ecclesiæ, summo pontifici, in duobus millibus florenorum aureorum de Florentia, solvendis eidem nostro summo pontifici, vel camerario suo, ipsius nomine, in Romana curia, ad terminos quos idem dominus camerarius cum dicto procuratore nostro ad hoc duxerit statuendos; et ad obligandum nos et ecclesiam nostram Dunelmensem, et successores nostros, ad solutionem dictorum florenorum fideliter faciendam, quibuscunque modis et viis dicto camerario visum fuerit ex-

Appointment of John de Sneynton as the bishop's proctor at the court of Rome to present a gift to the Pope.

A.D. 1311. pedire, et ad submittendum nos et ecclesiam nostram Dunelmensem jurisdictioni dicti camerarii, et ipsius condemnationem et sententiam in præmissis subeundum et acceptandum, et quodlibet genus liciti sacramenti in animam nostram præstandum; alium procuratorem loco suo substituendum, et omnia alia et singula nomine nostro faciendum, quæ in hiis et circa ea fienda requiruntur, et sine quibus præmissa non poterunt expediri, etiam si mandatum exigant speciale; ratum et firmum habituri quicquid præfatus procurator noster, nostro et nostræ ecclesiæ nomine, fecerit in præmissis. In cujus rei testimonium, sigillum nostrum præsentibus duximus apponendum. Datum, etc. An. Episc. 1.

Consimilem literam habet ad contrahendum mutuum de mille florenis.

Grant of an annual pension of thirty marks to Amaldus, bishop of Poitiers.

Pensio. Pateat universis per præsentes, quod nos, Ricardus, permissione divina, Dunolmensis episcopus, grata, utilia et accepta pensantes obsequia quæ venerabilis in Christo pater, dominus Amaldus, Dei gratia, Pictavensis episcopus, nobis et ecclesiæ nostræ Dunolmensi impendere poterit in futurum, annuam pensionem triginta marcarum, singulis annis ad festum Nativitatis Sancti Johannis Baptistæ, de nobis in curia Romana percipiendam, eidem patri concedimus per præsentes. Ad cujus pensionis solutionem dicto patri fideliter faciendam, obligamus nos et ecclesiam Dunolmensem, et omnia bona nostra ecclesiastica et mundana. In cujus rei testimonium, præsentes literas prædicto venerabili patri fieri, et nostro sigillo fecimus communiri. Datum apud Midd', primo die mensis Novembris, etc.

Reportantur signatæ et cancellantur.[1]

Grant of pensions to John de Snaynton, and Edmund Fabri.

Pensio. Consimiles literas habet magister Johannes de Snaynton', pro eodem, de xx. marcis. Item con-

[1] This note as to cancellation refers to this entry, the one preceding, and the one following it.

An. Episc. 1. similes habet literas idem magister Johannes, pro magistro Edmundo Fabri, de decem libris. A.D. 1311.

Procuratorium ad mutuum contrahendum.

f. 22 b. Appointment of John de Snaynton as the bishop's special proctor, to contract a loan.

Universis pateat per præsentes quod nos, Ricardus, permissione divina, Dunelmensis episcopus, et ejusdem loci prior et capitulum, dilectum nobis in Christo, magistrum Johannem de Snaynton', facimus, constituimus et ordinamus, nostrum procuratorem, attornatum et nuncium specialem, ad contrahendum mutuum, nostro et ecclesiæ nostræ nomine, cum quibuscunque mercatoribus et aliis secum contrahere volentibus, usque ad summam duorum millium marcarum sterlingorum, dictam summam in toto vel in parte, simul vel per vices, ab eisdem recipiendum, et in utilitatem nostram, et ecclesiæ nostræ prædictæ, ubi et quando expedire vident, convertendum; et confitendum, nostro nomine, et pro nobis, dictam pecuniam mutuatam, in usus et utilitatem nostram et ecclesiæ nostræ esse conversam, et ad obligandum nos, successores nostros, et ecclesiam nostram, et maneria nostra de Hoveden' et Alverton', cum omnibus juribus et pertinentiis suis, et omnia alia bona nostra ecclesiastica et mundana, in solidum, ad solutionem præfatæ pecuniæ summæ eisdem mercatoribus vel aliis cum quibus contraxerit, faciendam, sub quibuscunque modis et conditionibus, pœnis et viis, quas ipsi mercatores, vel alii pro eorum securitate, in hac parte magis viderint expedire, et ad submittendum nos, et ecclesiam nostram prædictam, jurisdictioni et coercioni camerarii domini papæ, et ipsius condemnatoriam sententiam seu præceptum in præfata pecuniæ summa, eisdem mercatoribus, vel aliis, solvenda, sub quacunque censura subeundum, et ad faciendum et recognoscendum coram cancellario domini nostri regis Angliæ, baronibus de scaccario, seu justiciariis ejusdem quibuscunque, nos teneri et obligari in præfata pecuniæ summa, mercatoribus, vel aliis memoratis solvenda, in terminis quos ad

A.D. 1311. hoc duxerint statuendos; et ad jurandum in animam nostram de dicta pecunia præfatis mercatoribus vel aliis fideliter persolvenda, et ad observandum omnia et singula prædicta, necnon ad renunciandum omnibus exceptionibus, defensionibus et juris auxiliis, seu remediis, quæ contra præmissa objici poterunt quovismodo; et ad faciendum et ad inveniendum quamcunque aliam securitatem de dicta pecunia, ut præmittitur, fideliter persolvenda, per quascunque vias quas ipsi mercatores vel alii duxerint ordinandas, ac etiam omnia alia et singula dictis mercatoribus et aliis in hac parte utilia facienda, etiam si mandatum exigant speciale; ratum, firmum et gratum habituri quicquid magister Johannes, procurator noster prædictus, nomine nostro fecerit in præmissis et singulis præmissorum. In quorum omnium testimonium sigilla nostra præsentibus sunt appensa. Datum, etc., xxix. die Octobris. An. Episc. 1.

Execution of a bond.

[Memorandum,] quod quinto die Novembris facta fuit una obligatio Willelmo de Gosewyk,' de xxv^{xx}. librarum, xvj. s. et viij. d., solvendorum in festo Pentecostes, anno Domini millesimo ccc. duodecimo.

Testimonial that Ingeram of Castle Bernard had been duly ordained a deacon.

Testimonium super ordinibus [pro-] batis.

Christi fidelibus universis præsentes literas inspecturis, Ricardus, etc., salutem in Domino. Noveritis quod constantes coram nobis personaliter in visitatione nostra in ecclesia parochiali de Gaynesford, dominus Ingeramus de Castro Bernardi, nostræ diœcesis, se per bonæ memoriæ dominos Alanum, Dei gratia, Cathanen' in subdiaconum, et Marchum Sodorensem episcopos in diaconum, sufficienter et legitime probavit, rite et canonice fuisse et esse ordinatum; et super ordinatione sua in presbyterum exhibuit patentes literas domini Johannis, Dei gratia, Karliolensis episcopi, unde ad omnes sacros ordines, ipsum rite et canonice ordinatum fuisse pronunciavimus et declaravimus in hiis

An. Episc. 1. scriptis. In cujus rei testimonium, præsentes literas dicto domino Ingeramo fieri, et nostro sigillo fecimus communiri. Datum, etc., anno Domini, etc. [M°.ccc^mo.] undecimo, et pontificatus nostri primo. A.D. 1311.

Concessio cantariæ. Ricardus, permissione, etc., dilecto in Christo filio, magistro Johanni de Insula, salutem, etc. Quia justis petentium desideriis facilem debemus præbere consensum, et vota quæ a ratione non discrepant affectu prosequi gratioso, tuæ devotionis votis et desideriis favorabiliter inclinati, ut in oratorio tuo, infra manerium tuum de Boldon' constructo, quotiens tibi placuerit, licite valeas celebrare divina, et ab aliis etiam celebrari facere, cum videris optimum, liberam tibi concedimus facultatem. In cujus rei testimonium, sigillum nostrum præsentibus est appensum. Datum, etc.

A faculty to have divine service celebrated in the oratory within his manor of Boldon, granted to John de Lisle.

Memorandum, quod septimo die Novembris dedit dominus episcopus Ricardo Tunok', Eboraci, viij. arbores in bosco de Creyk'.

Item apud Elsewyk' dedit dominus domino Johanni de Metham xx. carectatas de focali in bosco de Hoveden'.

Item apud Hortheworth' dedit xij. carectatas de focali rectori ejusdem ecclesiæ, in bosco de Veteri Parco.

Memoranda that the bishop had given trees and firewood to various persons.

Collatio præbendæ. Ricardus, permissione divina, etc., dilecto in Christo filio, magistro Radulpho de Holbech', salutem, gratiam et benedictionem. Literarum scientia et honesta conversatio, mores et merita probitatis, necnon alia virtutum dona, quibus personam tuam multipliciter novimus insignitam, nos excitant et inducunt affectu te prosequi gratioso. Hinc est quod canonicatum et præbendam quas dominus Thomas de Goldesburgh' in ecclesia collegiata de Cestria, nostræ diœcesis, dudum tenuit, per liberam resignationem ejusdem domini Thomæ vacantes, et ad nostram collationem pleno jure spectantes, cum suis juribus et pertinentiis

f. 23. Collation of Ralph de Holbech to the prebend in the collegiate church of Chester, resigned by Thomas de Goldesburgh.

A.D. 1311. universis, tibi conferimus, intuitu caritatis, teque per annulum nostrum investimus præsentialiter de eisdem. In cujus rei testimonium, etc. Datum, etc., primo die mensis Octobris. An. Episc. 1.

Mandate to proclaim the excommunication of John de Heworth, chaplain.

Mandatur ut promulgetur excommunicatio.

Ricardus, permissione divina, etc., dilecto filio, capellano parochiæ de Gatesheved, salutem, etc. Quia dominum Johannem de Heworth', capellanum, propter suam manifestam contumaciam et contemptum, ad instantiam officii nostri multipliciter contractam, excommunicamus, justitia suadente; vobis, in virtute obedientiæ firmiter injungimus et mandamus, quatenus ipsum sic excommunicatum esse, in ecclesiis parochialibus de Gatesheved et Wessington', ac in capella de Heworth', diebus solemnibus et festivis, intra missarum solemnia, publice denuncietis, seu per alium denunciari faciatis; citantes nihilominus dictum dominum Johannem peremptorie, quod compareat coram nobis vel commissariis nostris, uno vel pluribus, in ecclesia parochiali de Langecestr', die Mercurii proxima ante festum Sancti Martini, in negotiis contra ipsum, seu articulis in nostra visitatione compertis ipsum, contingentibus, ex officio nostro motis, secundum formam retroactorum, pronunciationem nostram auditurus, pœnamque canonicam et condignam recepturus, ulteriusque facturus et recepturus quod justitia suadebit: denunciantes, seu denunciari facientes, eidem quod, sive venerit sive non, quatenus de jure poterimus, procedemus in præmissis. Quid autem in hac parte duxeritis faciendum, nos, vel commissarios nostros, unum vel plures, dictis die et loco, per vestras patentes literas, harum seriem continentes, reddatis dilucide certiores. Valete. Datum, etc.

Commission to inquire concerning defects in the books, vestments, &c. in the vicarage of Herteburn.

Commissio.

Ad inquirendum per viros fidedignos, tam clericos quam laicos, in negotio subscripto, notitiam habentes, de defectibus librorum, vestimentorum, et aliorum ornamentorum, et ædificiorum manerii,

An. Episc. 1. vicariæ de Herteburn', et aliarum domorum, tam in villa prædicta quam in aliis villis et capellis, ad dictam vicariam pertinentium, qui temporibus domini Thomæ de Grendon', quondam vicarii de Herteburn,' imminebant, et de quanta pecunia hujusmodi defectus poterunt emendari, et decenter reparari; et ad eandem pecuniam levandum de executoribus dicti defuncti, et ad ordinandum de eadem, secundum tenorem constitutionis legati super hoc editæ, et nostram constitutionem synodalem, vocatis primo coram vobis, ad certos diem et locum quos ad hoc deputaveritis, magistro Willelmo de Wirckeshale, nunc vicario dictæ ecclesiæ, et executoribus prædictis, quod dictæ inquisitioni intersint, si sua viderint interesse, vobis conjunctim et divisim vices nostras committimus, cum coercionis canonicæ potestate. Valete. Datum, etc. A.D. 1311.

Admissio ad cantariam. Admission to a chantry in the church of Redmeshill.

Ricardus, etc., dilecto in Christo filio Domino Hugoni de Redmeshill', capellano, salutem, gratiam et benedictionem. Vita commendabilis et honesta conversatio, de quibus tibi laudabile perhibetur testimonium, nos excitant et inducunt favore te prosequi gratioso; unde ad cantariam altaris Beatæ Mariæ in ecclesia de Redmeshill', ad præsentationem Alani de Langeton', domini de Wynhard' et de Redmeshill', et Katerinæ uxoris suæ, te favorabiliter admittimus, et de eadem, cum suis juribus et pertinentiis universis, præsentialiter investimus. In cujus rei, etc. Datum, etc., anno M°.ccc^mo. xj°.

Litera regis missa papæ pro episcopo. Letter of king Edward II. to pope Clement, relative to the devastations of Robert de Brus, especially his incursions and spoliations in the

Sanctissimo in Christo patri, domino Clementi, divina providentia, sacrosanctæ Romanæ ac universalis ecclesiæ summo pontifici, Edwardus, ejusdem gratia, Rex Angliæ, etc., devota pedum oscula beatorum. Exsurgit in munus lætitiæ affectio filialis, et regii regiminis ditioni subjecti nimia jucunditate lætantur, dum conspiciunt vos circa incommoda

A.D. 1311. bishopric of Durham, and requesting that, by reason thereof, the bishop may be excused from attending the General Council.

regni nostri auferenda paternæ mansuetudinis, juxta assuetam benevolentiam, cogitationes dilatare, et personas, quarum circumspectione hæc fieri poterunt, et nostri ac prædicti regni honores et utilitates augmentari, Apostolicæ liberalitatis gratia prosequi et favore. Sane pater, sanctissime, nobis in parliamento nostro London' convocato, una cum prælatis et proceribus regni nostri circa negotia nos et statum ejusdem regni tangentia existentibus in tractatu, Robertus de Brus et sui complices, rebelles nostri, et publici proditores, nostras et fidelium nostrorum terras in Scotia devastarunt, et, hiis finibus non contenti, Marchiam regni nostri prædicti hostiliter ingressi, in diversis partibus ejusdem Marchiæ, et ulterius in regno nostro, et præcipue in episcopatu Dunolmensi, rapinas, deprædationes, incendia et homicidia, perpetrarunt, ætati vel sexui innocenti, aut immunitati ecclesiasticæ libertatis, proh dolor! non parcentes; et multa plura damna perpetrassent, nisi potentia venerabilis patris Ricardi, Dunolmensis episcopi, in illis partibus tunc præsentis, ad obviandum et resistendum eorum malitiæ parata citius exstitisset. Et quia prædicti inimici et rebelles nostri ab inchoatis facinoribus non desistunt, sed ea nituntur pro suis nefandis viribus, continuare, et ibidem pejora prioribus cumulare, recens hujusmodi jactura prædictum episcopum pro repulsione dictorum inimicorum et rebellium nostrorum, ac pro defensione et salvatione sanguinis Christiani et libertatis ecclesiæ suæ Dunolmensis in eodem episcopatu, sub vestræ permissionis et gratiæ confidentia, moram continuare excitat et constringit; considerantes igitur incommoda et damna irreparabilia quæ ex ipsius episcopi absentia a partibus supradictis, si, quod absit, exinde, durante præsenti tempore hiemali, ad partes alias se transferret, non solum nobis et hominibus illarum [partium], sed undique adjacentium, revera poterunt evenire; vestræ sanctitati humiliter supplicamus, quatenus, præmissis paterna meditatione pensatis, dicto

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f. 23 b.

An. Episc. 1. episcopo pio paterno compatientes affectu, ipsius absentiam in præsenti vestro concilio generali, ad quod, ut intelleximus, personaliter est vocatus, de vestræ benignitatis affluentia ex causis præmissis, nostrorumque rogaminum interventu, habere dignemini gratiosius excusatam. Speramus etenim firmiter et tenemus, quod mora memorati episcopi in episcopatu suo prædicto, utilis pro salubri statu partium illarum et ecclesiæ suæ Dunolmensis, grataque erit Altissimo et accepta. Conservet vos Altissimus ad regimen ecclesiæ suæ sanctæ per tempora prospera et longæva. Datum, etc. A.D. 1311.

Prorogatio visitationis in archidiaconatu Northumbriæ.

Prorogation of the bishop's visitation in the archdeaconry of Northumberland, by reason of the warfare with the Scots.

Ricardus, permissione divina, etc., dilecto filio, archidiacono Northumbriæ, vel ejus officiali, salutem, gratiam et benedictionem. Inter cæteras solicitudines quæ nostris humeris, ex suscepti pastoralis officii regimine, incumbunt, studiosius delectamur, ut circa curam et reformationem ecclesiarum nostrarum civitatis et diœcesis, ac ecclesiasticarum personarum, quibus, ex eo quod in partem solicitudinis sunt vocatæ, tenemur compati, et eas paterna dilectione fovere, plenarie faciendum solicitius intendamus. Sane, licet dudum nos, post munus consecrationis nostræ, conspicientes visitationis officium in nostris civitate et diœcesi Dunolmensibus fore quamplurimum opportunum, ecclesias, clerum et populum archidiaconatus vestri Northumbriæ, post visitationem archidiaconatus nostri Dunolmensis, ordinavimus certis locis et temporibus in literis nostris, quas super hoc vobis nuper direximus, comprehensis, actualiter visitare; quia tamen ad nostram audientiam indubie jam pervenit, quod etsi ad visitandum dictum archidiaconatum Northumbriæ descendere contingeret, ecclesias a quibus esset ex ordine inchoandum, sive clerum et populum earundem, non possemus, prout ordinavimus, visitare, cum propter incursum gentis Scotianæ, et varia pericula quæ verisi-

A.D. 1311. militer formidantur, clerus et populus ipse a suis locis sint fugati, ac libros, vestimenta, et ornamenta ipsarum ecclesiarum, secum ad loca extera adduxerint, et sic extra loca sua cum dictis libris, ornamentis et vestimentis, notorie moram trahant:—Nos igitur, ex hujus-[modi] noviter emergentibus, terminum visitationis nostræ in dicto archidiaconatu exercendæ, donec post festum Nativitatis Dominicæ super hoc fueritis alias præmuniti, duximus prorogandum. Quocirca vobis injungimus et mandamus, quatenus præmissa cum omni celeritate faciatis in dicto archidiaconatu solemniter publicari, et, ut subditorum parcatur laboribus et expensis, ea ipsis quantocius intimari. Valete. Datum, etc., iiij. id. Novembris. An. Episc. 1.

Mandate for the citation of Peter de Chartres, rector of St. Nicholas in Durham.

Citatio. Ricardus, etc., dilecto in Christo filio, decano Christianitatis Dunolmensis, salutem, etc. Vobis, in virtute obedientiæ, firmiter injungimus et mandamus, quatenus citetis peremptorie dominum Petrum de Carnoto, rectorem ecclesiæ Sancti Nicholai in Dunolmo, publice in ecclesia sua prædicta, quod compareat sufficienter et legitime coram nobis, vel commissariis nostris, uno vel pluribus, die Jovis proxf. 24. ima post festum Sancti Lucæ Evangelistæ, in ecclesia parochiali de Gretham, nostræ diœcesis; nobis super articulis in nostra visitatione in civitate nostra Dunolmensi nuper facta compertis, ipsum dominum Petrum contingentibus, ex officio responsurus, ulteriusque facturus et recepturus in præmissis quod justitia suadebit. Et quid in præmissis feceritis, nobis, vel commissariis nostris, uni vel pluribus, ad dictos diem et locum per vestras literas patentes, harum seriem continentes, distincte et aperte constare faciatis. Datum, etc., nono die Octobris.

Appointment of commissioners by

Commissio. Ricardus, permissione, etc., dilectis sibi in Christo fratribus, Hugoni de Mohaut' et

An. Episc. 1. Willelmo de Gyseburn', ac magistris Henrico de Luceby, rectori ecclesiæ de Wolouere, et Petro de Fischeburn', clericis, salutem, etc. Quia, variis et necessariis causis præpediti, visitationis nostræ officium, hac instanti die juridica proxima post festum Omnium Sanctorum, in ecclesia parochiali de Akleye, personaliter exercere non valemus; vobis, et vestrum cuilibet, ad visitandum ibidem dicto die juridico, et inquirendum et corrigendum, et alia omnia et singula faciendum quæ hujusmodi natura negotii exigit et requirit, vobis, et vestrum cuilibet, conjunctim et divisim, vices nostras committimus, cum coercionis canonicæ potestate. In cujus, etc., Datum apud Middelham, primo die mensis Novembris, pontificatus nostri anno primo.

A.D. 1311. the bishop, to act for him at the visitation, he being unable to attend.

Commissio. Ricardus, permissione, etc., dilectis filiis officiali Dunolmensi, ac magistro Petro de Fischeburn', clericis, salutem, gratiam, etc. De vestris circumspectione et industria plenius confidentes, ad cognoscendum, inquirendum, corrigendum, puniendum, diffiniendum et exequendum, in negotio, quod super incontinentia, dilapidatione, non-residentia, et irregularitate, ac quibusdam aliis articulis, ex officio nostro movetur, seu moveri speratur, contra dominum Petrum de Carnoto, detentione ecclesiæ Beati Nicholai in Dunolmo incumbentem, necnon in omnibus idem negotium qualitercunque tangentibus, vobis conjunctim et divisim, cum cujuslibet coercionis canonicæ potestate, committimus vices nostras. Datum apud Gretham, xij. kal. Novembris, anno Domini M°.ccc^mo. undecimo, et pontificatus nostri primo.

Appointment of Peter de Fischeburn to inquire into and punish irregularities of Peter de Chartres, incumbent of St. Nicholas in Durham.

Petitio. Por ce que l'eschetour de la Trente ad mande a son suschestour en le conte de Northumberland q'il fait seisir toutes les terres et gardes que le rey avoit done en le dist conte puis la date de la commission faite as Ordenours, etc., e . ., entre autres ly comanda de seisir le maner de Hetton',

Petition to the king by the bishop of Durham, concerning his right to the manor of Hetton, within the franchise of Norham, as a forfeiture of war.

A.D. 1311. q'est deynz la franchise de Norham, ou bref le roy ne court mye, lequel maner Auntoyne, nadgeres evesqe de Duresme, seisit en sa meyn come forfeture de guerre apres la mort sire Robert Grey, qi le tient par la ley d'Engleterre de heritage Johan Grey, qi morrust en Escoce contre la foy le roy, et de quel maner le dit Antoine morrust seisi, etc., et nostre seignur le rey en temps de vacasion dona memes le maner a un Wauter de Wodeham, qi mort est, apres qi mort ledit maner fut seisi en la mayn l'evesqe qi ore est, dont il semble qe l'evesqe en ad dreit, et que le rey dut ausi pleynement aver rendu lez terres del eveschee, come eles fussent seisies en sa meyn apres la mort le dit Antoyne, et que les forfetures de guerre appendent al evesqe deynz sa fraunchise reale, piert par le evidences ci encloses; et coment que soit, al eschetour ne a autre ministre e rey ne apent a nul office faire deynz la dite fraunchise, fors sulement al evesque, qi est ministre le roy, saunz meen, et a ces ministres, et par eux deit le roy estre servy en memes celle fraunchise, et par nuls autres. Et si homme veit q'il face a faire demettre avant peticion de Chastiel Bernard et del hert seit fait, qe sunt eschettes par les forfetures Johan Baillol' et Robert de Brus. D'autre part le rey qi ore est rendy la fraunchise entierement del evesche al evesque qi or est, saunz n'ens retenir, sicome piert par commissione q'est entre en roule de la chauncellerie; la vynt le counte de Warwik', et seut un bref de trespas devers Gilbert de Scharesbek et plusurs autres en Baunk le Roy, de trepas fait en l'eveschee en blemisement de la dite fraunchise; et que de ce si soit ordene remedy par consail que l'autre jour ore, puis la Seyn Michel, vynt le viscunte de Northumberland, et voleit avoir entre d'aver servi un bref de la grant destresse, et homme parla taunt q'il lessa adonkes.

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Petitio.

An. Episc. 1. Litera pœnitentiarii.

A.D. 1311. Letter from the pope's penitentiary to the bishop of Durham, removing the excommunication from William Hendel, a layman, who had wounded John Champion of Bidel, priest, on the head, with a sword.

Venerabili in Christo patri, Dei gratia, episcopo Dunolmensi, vel ejus vicario in spiritualibus, frater Johannes de Eggesclive, domini papæ pœnitentiarius, salutem in Domino. Willelmum Hendel, laicum vestræ diœcesis, latorem præsentium, qui Johannem Champion de Bidel, presbyterum, cum gladio in capite vulneravit, de quo vulnere, ut asseritur, plene convaluit, nec est inde effectus inhabilis ad divina, ab excommunicatione quam propter hoc incurrit, et aliis peccatis suis, ad vos, auctoritate domini papæ, remittimus, juxta formam ecclesiæ absolutum; mandantes ei, inter alia, sub debito præstiti juramenti, ut passo injuriam, si non satisfecit, satisfaciat competenter. Vos autem, audita diligenter confessione, et considerata culpa ipsius, injungatis inde sibi, auctoritate prædicta, pœnitentiam salutarem; ipsum vero, si satisfacere forte contempserit, in excommunicationis sententiam recidisse publice nuncietis. Datum Viennæ, ij. nonas Octobris, pontificatus domini Clementis papæ V. anno sexto.

Præsentatio prioratus de Tynemuth'.

f. 24 b. Presentation of Simon de Taunton to the bishop as prior of Tynemouth.

Reverendo in Christo patri, domino Ricardo, Dei gratia, Dunolmensi episcopo Hugo, ejusdem permissione divina, abbas monasterii Sancti Albani, salutem, cum debitis tanto patri reverentia et honore. Quia dilectum filium et commonachum nostrum, fratrem Simonem de Taunton', latorem præsentium, cellæ nostræ de Tynemuth' providimus in priorem, ipsum paternitati vestræ, juxta tenorem compositionis inter ecclesias Dunolmensem et Sancti Albani prædictas initæ, præsentamus, supplicantes quatenus eundem, prout requirit compositio antedicta, velitis admittere, et in agendis suis penes vos pietatis intuitu recommendare. Valeat vestra paternitas reverenda diu et feliciter in Christo. Datum apud Newark', kal. Julii, anno M°.ccc^{mo}.xj°.

A.D. 1311. The act for the admission of the said Simon de Taunton.

Actum de eodem.

Actum coram nobis, Ricardo, permissione divina, Dunolmensi episcopo, in manerio nostro apud Rickhale, die Martis proxima post festum Translationis Sanctæ Thomæ Martyris, videlicet, xiij. die Julii, anno Domini millesimo ccc.xj., in negotio præsentationis nobis factæ de fratre Simone de Taunton', monacho, in priorem monasterii de Tynemuth', nostræ diœcesis Dunolmensis, per literas religiosi viri domini H[ugonis], abbatis monasterii de Sancto Albano præfecto, et nobis secundum statum cujusdam compositionis super hiis initæ præsentato, videlicet:—exhibitis pro parte ipsius fratris Simonis, coram nobis personaliter comparentis, et negotium suum hujusmodi prosequentis, literis præsentationis et compositionis de quibus præmittitur, necnon copia quorundam privilegiorum abbati et conventui monasterii de Sancto Albano, et ipsi monasterii nuper, ut asseruerat, indultorum :—nos super exhibitis ac toto negotio habita deliberatione diligenti, certis de causis, eidem fratri Simoni diem Mercurii proximo post festum Beatæ Margaretæ Virginis, videlicet, in crastino, ad comparendum coram nobis, ubicunque tunc fuerimus in nostra diœcesi, et ad prosequendum idem negotium suum, si sibi viderit expedire, necnon ad faciendum et recipiendum quod, secundum qualitatem et naturam ipsius negotii justitia suadebit, quatenus de jure possumus, assignavimus. Quo die Mercurii, videlicet, xxj. die dicti mensis Julii, anno Domini prælibato, præscripto fratre Simone coram nobis episcopo supradicto, in manerio nostro de Stoketon', diœcesis nostræ Dunolmensis, personaliter comparente, exhibitisque pro parte sua quibusdam literis Apostolicis, bulla plumbea et filo serico pendente bullatis, ac facta protestatione per eundem quod uti voluit prius exhibitis cum effectu; demum, post varias altercationes super exhibitis ac toto negotio habitas, emissa protestatione pro parte ejusdem fratris Simonis de conser- An. Episc. 1.

An. Episc. 1. vandis semper illæsis compositione supradicta, necnon privilegiis abbati et conventui de Sancto Albano, ac priori et conventui de Tynemuth', indultis; ac per nos protestatione facta de privilegiis, libertatibus, juribus, et jurisdictione nostris, et nostræ ecclesiæ Dunolmensis, in suo robore per omnia ac semper in omnibus permanendis; nos, de consilio jurisperitorum, eundem fratrem Simonem, nobis, ut præmittitur, præsentatum, admittimus, sibique id admittendi curam animarum rectorias ecclesiarum quas monachi de Tynemuth' tenent in usus proprios in nostra diœcesi committimus; et, recepta ab ipso canonica obedientia, juramento in hac parte præstito per eundem, sequestrum in fructibus dictarum ecclesiarum, auctoritate nostra, pro tempore vacationis prioratus de Tynemuth' interpositum, relaxamus, fructusque prædicto vacationis tempore, auctoritate nostra, perceptos, seu ad nos pertinentes, eidem fratri Simoni remittimus et donamus. A.D. 1311.

Admissio ejusdem. Admission of the said Simon de Taunton to the priory of Tynemouth.

Ricardus, permissione divina, etc., dilecto fratri Simoni de Taunton', monacho monasterii Sancti Albani, salutem, etc. De tuis circumspectione et industria, tam in spiritualibus quam in temporalibus, plenam in Domino fiduciam obtinentes, te in priorem monasterii de Tynemuth', nostræ diœcesis, per religiosum virum dominum H[ugonem], abbatem monasterii Sancti Albani, nobis præsentatum, secundum tenorem compositionis, initæ inter bonæ memoriæ dominum Nicholaum, quondam episcopum Dunolmensem, prædecessorem nostrum, et dominum Johannem abbatem, et conventum dicti monasterii Sancti Albani, necnon priorem et conventum monasterii prædicti de Tynemuth', admittimus, ac curam animarum pertinentem ad rectorias ecclesiarum parochialium prædicto monasterio de Tynemuth', et monachis ibidem Deo servientibus, in usus proprios concessarum, committimus per præsentes; ecclesiæ nostræ Dunolmensis, ac dictorum dominorum f. 25.

A.D. 1311. abbatis et conventus Sancti Albani, necnon prioris et conventus de Tynmuh', juribus, privilegiis, et munimentis, quatenus de jure salvari debent, per omnia semper salvis. Datum, etc., anno Domini [M°.ccc^mo.]xj°. An. Episc. 1.

Relaxation of the sequestration of the priory of Tynemouth.

Relaxatio sequestri.

Ricardus, etc., dilecto filio, magistro Willelmo de Kellowe, sequestratori nostro, salutem, etc. Quum sequestrum in fructibus ecclesiæ de Tynemuth', nostræ diœcesis, nuper auctoritate nostra per vos interpositum, certis relaxavimus ex causis, fructusque medio tempore perceptos fratri Simoni de Taunton', priori monasterii de Tynemuth', concessimus, de gratia nostra speciali; vobis firmiter injungentes mandamus, quatenus hujusmodi sequestrum pro relaxato habeatis, fructusque prædictos eidem priori integraliter liberetis. Valete. Datum, etc.

Letters dimissory for John, son of Roger Croyser de Cranwecrok.

Literæ dimissoriæ.

Ricardus, etc., dilecto in Christo filio, Johanni filio Rogeri Croyser de Cranwecrok', acolyto, salutem, etc. Devotionis tuæ precibus inclinati, ut a quocunque episcopo catholico, sedis Apostolicæ gratiam obtinente, et tibi sacras manus imponere volente, ad omnes ordines sacros licite valeas promoveri, eo non obstante, quod de nostra diœcesi oriundus existas, dum tamen titulum sufficientem exhibeas, et aliud canonicum non obsistat, gratiosam tibi et liberam tenore præsentium concedimus facultatem. In cujus rei testimonium, sigillum nostrum præsentibus est appensum. Datum, etc., anno Domini, etc. [M°.ccc^mo.] xj.

Composition between the bishop of Durham and the abbot of St. Alban's relative to the priory of Tynemouth.

Compositio inter episcopum et abbatem Sancti Albani.

Universis sanctæ matris ecclesiæ filiis, ad quos præsens scriptum pervenerit, Michael, archidiaconus de Stowe, judex a domino papa delegatus, et Nicholaus, cancellarius Lincolniensis, subdelegatus domini archidiaconi Northamton', conjudicis dicti archidiaconi de Stowe, salutem in Domino. Noverit universitas vestra

An. Episc. 1. quod, cum contentio mota fuisset, auctoritate Apostolica coram nobis, (thesaurario Lincolniensi, tertio conjudice, totaliter excusato), inter venerabilem patrem Nicholaum, Dei gratia, episcopum Dunolmensem, nomine ecclesiæ suæ Dunolmensis, ex parte una, et Johannem, eadem gratia, abbatem de Sancto Albano, et ejusdem loci conventum, et priorem et conventum de Tynemuth', nomine monasterii de Tynemuth,' ex altera, super visitatione ecclesiæ parochialis de Tynemuth,' et obedientia quam exigebat idem episcopus a priore de Tynemuth', ratione jam dictæ ecclesiæ de Tynemuth', et aliarum parochialium ecclesiarum, quas in sua diœcesi obtinent monachi de Tynemuth' memorati; tandem, interveniente consensu capituli Dunolmensis, lis inter ecclesias hoc amicabili fine conquievit inperpetuum; scilicet, quod præfatus dominus Dunolmensis et successores sui, per se vel officiales suos, visitationis officium exercebunt in illa parte ecclesiæ de Tynemuth' in qua parochianis divina celebrantur, sine onere procurationis, ita quod de monachis, seu alia parte ecclesiæ, sive ecclesia de ipsa cella, se nullatenus intromittant; salvis etiam in omnibus aliis privilegiis et indulgentiis dictorum monachorum. Cellæ vero de Tynemuth' per abbatem prædictum, vel, vacante abbatia, per priorem Sancti Albani, de consensu sui capituli, præficientur priores et amovebuntur, secundum tenorem privilegiorum suorum; qui præfecti adeant episcopum et præsententur eidem, canonicam obedientiam eidem promittentes, ratione ecclesiarum parochialium, quatenus privilegia monasterio Sancti Albani indulta permittunt; ita tamen, quod, prætextu illius obedientiæ, priores de Tynemuth' non vocentur ad synodum, capitula vel aliquem conventum ecclesiasticum, contra tenorem privilegiorum suorum. Vicarii autem in ecclesia de Tynemuth successive instituendi a priore et conventu de Tynemuth', de assensu abbatis eorundem, prænominato episcopo et successoribus suis præsentabuntur; qui quidem ad- A.D. 1311.

A.D. 1311. missi eidem episcopo in spiritualibus, et monachis memoratis de temporalibus, respondeant. In præmissorum autem testimonium, huic scripto, in modum chirographi confecto, parti scilicet penes prænominatos abbatem et conventum Sancti Albani, priorem et conventum de Tynemuth', remanenti, præfatus episcopus et capitulum Dunolmense, et parti penes ecclesiam Dunolmensem remanenti, jam dicti abbas et conventus Sancti Albani, prior et conventus de Tynemuth', sigilla sua una cum sigillis nostris mutuo adinvicem apposue- An. Episc. 1.
f. 15 b. runt. Actum anno Domini M.cc.xlvij., ... mensis Maii, in præsentia prænominatorum episcopi et abbatis; præsentibus etiam domino abbate de Novo Monasterio, de Notingham, de Sancto Albano, de Salopesbery, archidiaconis, magistris Hugone de Stanbrigge, Willelmo de Burgo, et Odone de Kelkenny, et domino Johanne Francigena et multis aliis.

Citation to appear before the bishop or his commissary at the church of St. Nicholas, Durham, relative to the bishop's late visitation.

Citatio. Ricardus, permissione divina, etc., decano Dunolmensi, salutem, etc. Vobis, in virtute obedientiæ, injungimus et mandamus, quatenus omnes et singulos, quorum nomina in schedula præsentibus annexa continentur, citetis peremptorie, quod compareant coram nobis, vel commissariis nostris, uno vel pluribus, in ecclesia Beati Nicholai in Dunelmo, die Mercurii proximo ante festum Beatæ Katerinæ Virginis, cum continuatione et prorogatione dierum, super articulis in visitatione nostra, nuper facta, compertis, prout singulis ipsorum contingunt, et aliis ex officio eis objiciendis; super quibus, ad animarum suarum correctionem et salutem, quæ celeritatem desiderant, procedere intendimus; responsuri personaliter, facturique ulterius, et recepturi, quod canonicum fuerit et consonum juri atque rationi; et ad probationem hujus mandati nostri adimpleti, nobis vel commissariis nostris, uni vel pluribus, ad dictum diem et locum, per literas vestras patentes, harum seriem continentes,

An. Episc. 1. quid in hac parte duxeritis faciendum, et de citatorum nominibus, distincte et aperte constare faciatis. Valete. Datum, etc., xvij. kal. Decembris, pontificatus nostri anno primo. A.D. 1311.

Citatio. Ricardus, permissione divina, Dunelmensis episcopus, dilecto filio, decano de Derlington', salutem, gratiam et benedictionem. Vobis, in virtute obedientiæ, firmiter injungimus et mandamus, quatenus peremptorie citetis Thomam del Hay, dominum de Stanton' in Strata, quod compareat coram nobis in crastino beatæ Katerinæ Virginis, ubicumque tunc fuerimus in nostra diœcesi; nobis, ex officii nostri debito, super sibi objiciendis personaliter responsurus, et jurisperiturus, ulteriusque facturus et recepturus quod canonicum fuerit et consonum rationi. De die vero receptionis præsentium, et qualiter præsens mandatum nostrum fueritis executi, nos per literas vestras patentes, harum seriem continentes, reddatis dilucide certiores. Valete. Datum Aukland', etc., pontificatus nostri primo. Citation to Thomas del Hay, lord of Stanton le Strete, to appear before the bishop, wheresoever he shall be in his diocese.

Commissio. Christi fidelibus universis pateat per præsentes, quod nos, Ricardus permissione divina, Dunelmensis episcopus, dilectos et fideles nostros Willelmum de Brakenbiry, et Johannem de Birteley, juniorem, assignamus et attornamus, loco nostri et pro nobis, ad taxandum, æstimandum, appreciandum et recipiendum, illud quod remansit de equitio, et etiam de instauro, bonæ memoriæ domini Antonii, prædecessoris nostri; ratum et firmum habituri quicquid prædicti Willelmus et Johannes, nomine nostro et pro nobis, fecerint in præmissis. In cujus rei testimonium, sigillum nostrum præsentibus est appensum. Datum, etc., xvij. die Novembris, pontificatus nostri anno j. Appointment of attorneys to value and receive what remains due to the bishop from the stud and store of his predecessor, Anthony.

[1] Ricardus, permissione divina, Dunelmensis episcopus, discreto viro, domino archidiacono Northumbriæ, vel ejus locum-tenenti, Licence to the archdeacon of Northumberland, or his locum

[1] No marginal note in MS.

A.D. 1311. tenens, to exercise jurisdiction in the execution of causes, and to remove suspensions and excommunications.

salutem, gratiam et benedictionem. Vestris supplicationibus favorabiliter inclinati, utendi jurisdictione vestra archidiaconali, ad cognoscendum, decidendum, et exequendum, in causis coram vobis, ex officio vestro, vel ad partis instantiam inchoatis, necnon compellendi de criminibus convictos injunctas sibi peragere pœnitentias salutares, et a suspensionis et excommunicationis sententiis in forma juris absolvendi, non obstantibus literis inhibitionis alias vobis super hujusmodi jurisdictione, nostra visitatione pendente, nullatenus exequenda, directis, tenore præsentium literarum concedimus facultatem: inhibitione tamen eadem, quoad alia in hiis nostris literis non expressa, in suo robore duratura. Valete. Datum, etc. Au. Episc. 1.

Special licence for William de Neuton, chaplain, to go to any part of the diocese with the bishop's certificate of good conduct and recommendation.

[1] Universis sanctæ matris ecclesiæ filiis, ad quos præsentes literæ pervenerint, Ricardus, permissione divina, Dunelmensis episcopus, salutem et sinceram in Domino caritatem. Ad universitatis vestræ notitiam tenore præsentium volumus pervenire, quod nos domino Willelmo de Neuton', nostræ dicœcesis capellano, latori præsentium, qui sufficienter et legitime probavit coram nobis se ad omnes sacros ordines rite et canonice esse promotum, et, ut asseruit, certis affectavit ex causis ad partes alias se transferre, non excommunicato, non suspenso, nec alicujus irregularitatis nota irretito, licentiam in hac parte concedimus specialem, ipsum universitati vestræ, cum laudabili testimonio de honestate conversationis et vitæ, propensius recommendantes. In cujus rei testimonium, etc. Datum, etc. xv° die Novembris, anno, etc. [M°.CCC^mo°.] undecimo, et pontificatus nostri primo.

Appointment of proctors to attend the king's parliament at London, the bishop being

[Procurati]o . . . parli]amenti. . .

Excellentissimo principi et domino suo semper reverendo, domino Edwardo, Dei gratia, regi Angliæ illustri, domino Hiberniæ et duci Aquitaniæ, suus devotissimus capellanus,

[1] No marginal note in MS.

An. Episc. 1. Ricardus, permissione divina, Dunelmensis episcopus, continuum salutis gaudium in Eo per quem reges regnant, et principes dominantur. Quia in instanti celebratione parliamenti vestri London', propter solemnia nostræ intronizationis in ecclesia nostra Dunelmensi, quæ oportet in brevi, favente Altissimo, celebrari, et propter alia diversa necessaria statum nostrum, et episcopatus nostri, multipliciter contingentia, non possumus personaliter interesse, ad tractandum cum cæteris prælatis et proceribus super hiis quæ ibidem agitari debent, et ad consentiendum, nostro nomine, hiis quæ per vos et vestrum concilium ordinari contigerit, necnon et ad faciendum omnia et singula, nostro et nostræ ecclesiæ nomine, quæ nos faceremus, si personaliter essemus ibidem; dilectos nobis in Christo, magistros Johannem Fraunceys, Ricardum de Eryum, et Johannem de Sneynton', procuratores nostros et attornatos coram vobis et concilio vestro, in dicto parliamento, constituimus et facimus per præsentes; ratum et firmum habituri quicquid procuratores et attornati nostri prædicti, duo, vel unus, eorum, in præmissis duxerint vel duxerit faciendum. In cujus rei, etc. Datum, etc., xxix. die Julii, anno, etc. [M°.ccc^mo.] undecimo, pontificatus nostri primo.

A.D. 1311. detained in his diocese on account of his being enthroned at Durham.

f. 26.

Supplicatio. Ricardus, permissione divina, Dunelmensis episcopus, suo in Domino prædilecto, et præ cæteris confidenti, magistro Johanni de Snaynton', salutem, cum benedictione et gratia Salvatoris. Benevolentiæ vestræ plenitudinem, qua vobis non parcitis, ut nostris utilitatibus serviatis, admodum habentes acceptam, eamque, si casus occcurrat acceptabilis, tenaci memoriæ commendantes, literas quas, pro commissis vobis negotiis expediendis facilius, fieri quæsivistis, vobis, sigillo nostro ac etiam sigillo capituli nostri, mittimus consignatas; unam, videlicet, ad contrahendum mutuum usque ad summam duarum milium marcarum, cum mercatoribus de societate Peruch' de Florencia;

Commission by the bishop under letters properly sealed, relative to loans from the merchants of Perugia of Florence, and to various other matters.

A.D. 1311. et aliam consimilem literam, ad contrahendum mu- An. Episc. 1.
tuum usque ad prædictam summam, cum mercatoribus vel aliis quibuscunque; unam etiam literam de duobus milibus florenorum, et aliam de mille; unam etiam literam viginti marcarum et aliam triginta marcarum, pro annua pensione domino Pyctavensi episcopo, prout magis expedire videbitis, liberandam; et etiam unam literam decem librarum, magistro Raymundo Fabri tradendam, si sic videritis faciendum; duas etiam literas clausas prædictis Pyctavensi episcopo et magistro Raymundo Fabri mittimus, devote rogantes ut vobis fidem faciant in dicendis, et, nostram in instanti concilio excusantes absentiam, negotia nos tangentia velint efficacius promovere. Nec miremini, quæsumus, quod de minoribus et majoribus summis literas destinamus, quum vestræ circumspectioni committimus, ut quas magis expedire videbitis porrigatis, et si aliorum videritis patrocinium opportunum, quod cum ipsis feceritis, acceptum habebimus, et faciemus fideliter adimpleri.

Appointment of proctors to go to the pope, on behalf of the bishop.

Procuratorium coram papa.

Sanctissimo ac beatissimo in Christo patri et domino suo, domino Clementi, divina providente clementia, sacrosanctæ Romanæ et universalis ecclesiæ summo pontifici, suus humilis et devotus, Ricardus, minister ecclesiæ Dunelmensis, cum genibus provolutis devotissima pedum oscula beatorum. Ad comparendum, proponendum et exponendum, meo nomine, in sanctæ paternitatis vestræ præsentia, et quorumcunque auditorum ad hoc ex vestra beatitudine deputandorum, excusationes, impedimenta, et rationes, propter quas et quæ non valeo in instanti concilio, per vestram sanctitatem, favente Domino, celebrando, me personaliter, in termino mihi ad hoc assignato, vestro conspectui præsentare, dilectos mihi in Christo, magistros Reginaldum de Sancto Albano, et Johannem de Snaynton', clericos, conjunctim et divisim, facio, ordino et constituo, meos procuratores et nuncios speciales, ita quod non sit melior conditio occupantis, sed quod

An. Episc. 1. unus eorum inchoaverit, alter possit prosequi cum effectu; dans eisdem et eorum cuilibet per se, speciale mandatum juramentum de veritate dicenda, et quodlibet aliud genus liciti sacramenti, in animam meam præstandi, et fidem de prædictis, prout natura eorum et qualitas expostulant, faciendi; alium procuratorem, seu procuratores, loco suo, et eorum cujuslibet, substituendi, et officium procuratoris reassumendi, quotiens visum fuerit expedire, et omnia alia generaliter et specialiter meo nomine faciendi, quæ in præmissis, et circa ea, fieri requiruntur, et sine quibus præmissa non poterunt expediri; etiam si mandatum exigant speciale; ratum, firmum et gratum, habituri quicquid per prædictos procuratores meos, vel eorum alterum, ac substitutum vel substitutos ab eisdem, vel altero eorundem, actum fuerit in præmissis et singulis præmissorum. In cujus rei testimonium sigillum meum duxi præsentibus apponendum. Vestram sanctitatem, ad exaltationem sui nominis et ecclesiæ universalis, conservet feliciter ipse Deus per tempora prospera et longæva. Datum apud Middleham, viij. kal. Octobris, anno Domini, etc. undecimo, et pontificatus vestri sexto. A.D. 1311.

Procuratorium ad promittendum domino papæ v. milia florenorum.

Appointment of a proctor by the bishop to proceed to Rome relative to the five thousand florins of gold which the bishop is under bond to pay to the pope.

Universis sanctæ matris ecclesiæ filiis pateat per præsentes, quod nos Ricardus, permissione, etc., dilectum nobis in Christo, magistrum Johannem de Sneynton', clericum, facimus, constituimus et ordinamus, procuratorem nostrum in Romana curia, et nuncium specialem ad promittendum, concedendum, fatendum et recognoscendum, nos teneri et obligari, ex dono nostro, sanctissimo in Christo patri et domino nostro, domino Clementi, divina providentia, sacrosanctæ Romanæ et universalis ecclesiæ summo pontifici, in quinque mille florenis aureis Florenciæ, solvendis eidem domino nostro, summo pontifici, vel camerario suo, ipsius nomine, in Romana curia, ad terminos quos ad

A.D. 1311. hoc idem dominus camerarius cum dicto procuratore nostro duxerit statuendos; et ad obligandum nos et ecclesiam nostram Dunelmensem, et successores nostros, ad solutionem dictorum florenorum fideliter faciendam, quibuscunque modis et viis dicto camerario visum fuerit expedire; et ad submittendum nos et ecclesiam nostram Dunelmensem jurisdictioni dicti camerarii, et ipsius condemnationem et sententiam in præmissis subeundum et acceptandum, et ipsis condemnationi, sententiæ, et in nostro nomine processui habitis specialiter consentiendum; et ad quodlibet genus liciti sacramenti in animam nostram præstandum, alium procuratorem loco suo substituendum in hiis, si forsitan fuerit impeditus, et omnia alia et singula facienda nomine nostro faciendum, quæ in hiis, et circa ea, fieri requiruntur, et sine quibus præmissa non poterunt expediri, etiam si mandatum exigant speciale; ratum et firmum habituri quicquid præfatus procurator noster, nostro et nostræ ecclesiæ nomine, fecerit in præmissis. In cujus rei testimonium, etc. Datum, etc., iij., die Octobris, anno Domini, etc. [M°.ccc^mo.] undecimo. An. Episc. 1.

f. 26 b.

Memorandum to pay to John de Hollebec 20*l.* sterling.

Memorandum.— Quod xix. die Novembris mandatum fuit Mattheo Danney, ballivo de Alverton', quod liberaret Johanni de Hollebec' viginti libras sterlingorum.

Bond for the payment of 100*l.* to the merchants of Perugia.

Obligatio. Universis sanctæ matris ecclesiæ filiis pateat per præsentes, quod nos, Ricardus, permissione divina, Dunolmensis episcopus, tenemur et obligamur Matheo Clarissimi et sociis suis, de civibus et mercatoribus de societate Peruch', in centum libris bonorum et legalium sterlingorum, ex causa mutui, solvendis eisdem, vel alicujus eorum certo attornato, apud London' vel Eboracum, prout ipsi mercatores magis eligere voluerint, ad instans festum Nativitatis Domini, sine dilatione ulteriori; ad quam quidem solutionem fideliter

An. Episc. 1. faciendam, obligamus nos, ecclesiam nostram, et omnia bona nostra, ecclesiastica et mundana; et si contingat, quod absit, nos in solutione dictæ pecuniæ deficere in termino supradicto, omnes expensas, damna, interesse, quas et quæ dicti mercatores, ob defectum solutionis pecuniæ prædictæ in termino prædicto, sustinuerint, (super quibus juramento eorundem, vel eorum unius socii, fidem volumus abhiberi), eisdem plenarie persolvemus, una cum debito principali; omnibus exceptionibus, quæ contra præmissa objici poterunt, renunciantes specialiter in hiis scriptis. In cujus rei, etc. Datum Dunelmi, iiij. die Octobris, anno Domini millesimo ccc^mo. undecimo, et pontificatus nostri primo. A.D. 1311.

Memorandum. Quod similis obligatio eodem die de tanta summa facta fuit Johanni Vanne et sociis suis, et tradita magistro Johanni de Snaynton.' Memorandum of similar bond to John Vanne.

Commissio ad visitandum. Ricardus, etc., dilectis filiis, domino Rogero de Saxton, rectori ecclesiæ de Aberford', et Johanni de Pollouwe, clerico, salutem, etc. De circumspectione vestra et fidelitate plenam in Domino fiduciam obtinentes, ad visitandum ecclesias, tam collegiatas quam parochiales, et earum capellas, cum earundem cœmeteriis, archidiaconatus Dunelmensis, et de defectibus ipsarum ecclesiarum, capellarum et cœmeteriorum, ac librorum, vestimentorum, ornamentorum, et aliorum, quæ pro ministris et obsequiis ministrorum ecclesiarum requiruntur, et fuerint opportuna, inquirendum; pœnas pro defectibus compertis in eisdem, alias infra statutos ad hoc terminos correctis minime, vel suppletis, alias impositas commissas esse, pronunciandum super defectibus, quos in dictis visitatione, et inquisitione reperiri contigerit, statuendum, ordinandum et decernendum; ac pœnas ac mulctas imponendum, omniaque alia et singula quæ ad reformationem et correctionem in hac parte requiruntur, percipiendum, injungendum et faciendum, vobis Commission to visit all churches, &c., collegiate as well as parochial, in the archdeaconry of Durham.

A.D. 1311. et vestrum alteri, conjunctim et divisim, vices nostras committimus, cum coercionis canonicæ potestate. In cujus rei, etc. Datum Dunelmi, iij. non. Octobris, pontificatus nostri anno primo. An. Episc. 1.

Commission to visit the hospital of Kypier.

Commissio ad visitandum. Ricardus, etc., dilectis etc., magistro Henrico de Luceby, rectori ecclesiæ de Wllour, et magistro Willelmo de Kellawe, clerico, salutem. De vestra discretione circumspecta et industria confidentes, ad visitandum hospitale de Kypier, in capite et in membris, in personis et rebus, tam spiritualibus quam temporalibus, et ad reformandum et corrigendum defectus et excessus corruptos ibidem, et omnia alia et singula faciendum, quæ hujusmodi visitationis negotium exigit et requirit, vobis et vestrum cuilibet, conjunctim et divisim, vices nostras committimus, cum coercionis canonicæ potestate, donec eas ad nos duxerimus revocandas. In cujus rei, etc. Datum, etc., iij. non. Octobris, pontificatus nostri anno primo.

Form of homage.

Le forme del homage. Jeo devink' vostre hom de vye et de member, et de terren honour, et foy vous porteray contre toutz yceux qui porront vivre et morir, sauf la foy nostre seigneur le roy et ses heirs, roys d'Engleterre.

f. 27. Excuse sent by the bishop to the pope for not attending his council, to which he had been summoned, because of the invasion of Robert Bruce.

Excusatio ad papam, quod non potest venire ad concilium. Sanctissimo ac beatissimo in Christo, patri et domino suo, domino Clementi, divina providentia, sacrosanctæ Romanæ ac universalis ecclesiæ summo pontifici, suus devotissimus sacerdos, Ricardus, Dunelmensis ecclesiæ minister humilis, cum genibus provolutis devotissima pedum oscula beatorum. Sanctæ paternitatis vestræ literas, ut personam meam in instanti concilio vestro studeam exhibere, inter cætera continentes, xv°. die mensis Septembris, apud Aukland', in diœcesi Dunelmensi, devote recepi, et, sicut decuit, reverenter; quarum

An. Episc. 1. continentiæ, et aliis præceptis vestris quibuscunque, paratus sum, et ero, cum omni humilitate et debita promptitudine, juxta meam possibilitatem, in omnibus obedire. Sed vestræ sanctitati, non sine gravi doloris amaritudine, significo quod prædictam diœcesim Dunelmensem, quæ est in Marchiis Angliæ et Scotiæ constituta, (ad cujus defensionem et tuitionem, tam in temporalibus quam in spiritualibus, occasione terrarum, reddituum et libertatum præfatæ ecclesiæ Dunelmensis, et episcopis ejusdem, qui pro tempore fuerint, largitione regum Angliæ et aliorum Christi fidelium concessarum, ac suscepti regiminis, specialiter sum astrictus,) diri temporis adversitas, proh dolor! jam constringit; nam dominus Robertus de Brus, se regem Scotiæ asserens, et ejus complices et confœderati, tam Scoti quam alii inimici regis nostri et regni Angliæ capitales, partes dictæ diœcesis, in longitudine et latitudine non modica, usque fere ad medium ejusdem, in manu forti, cum ingenti exercitu, et in innumera armatorum multitudine, die Jovis proximo post receptionem literarum vestrarum, et aliis sequentibus, hostiliter invaserunt, ecclesias, villas, oppida, et blada, in locis sic invasis, universaliter, usque ad numerum non modicum combusserunt, mobilia et se moventia, tam in ecclesiis, cœmeteriis et locis dedicatis, quam extra in locis profanis, sacrilege et nequiter deprædarunt; et alii duxerunt; manus impias ad horribilem sanguinis effusionem Christianorum, et incolarum dictæ diœcesis tyrannica severitate crudeliter extendendo, viris ecclesiasticis vel sæcularibus, ætati vel sexui, non parcendo: et indies majorem exercitum congregant ut prioribus perpetrent graviora, ad finale patriæ et diœcesis prædictarum exterminium, nisi vi majore eorum sæva nequitia et rebellio, Dei adjutorio mediante, repressa fuerit et repulsa, nequiter anhelantes; propter quæ, incolæ partium et diœcesis prædictarum qui vivi remanserunt, a paternis et propriis sedibus fugientes, bonis suis totaliter denudati, non habent nec A.D. 1311.

A.D. 1311. sciunt ubi capita sua poterunt reclinare; et, nisi esset jam mea qualiscunque præsentia in diœcesi supradicta, quasi a manu hostili et facie persequentium fugientibus, tota patria esset habitatoribus desolata, et per hostiles incursus prædictorum inimicorum invasa penitus et destructa; a cujus partibus si personaliter hiis diebus me absentem, tutela ejusdem, et defensio, ac jura et libertates præfatæ ecclesiæ Dunelmensis, sub totalis exterminii et confusionis periculis relinquentur: præsertim cum dominus noster rex, comites et cæteri regni proceres jam agunt in remotis, per decem diætas et ultra a diœcesi et partibus memoratis. Ex parte etiam ejusdem domini nostri regis mihi est injunctum districtius et præceptum occasione temporalium quæ teneo de eodem, ut cum tota potentia mea, ad inimicos prædictos repellendos, jugiter insistam defensioni et tuitioni partium prædictarum, quæ in dicta diœcesi et locis evicinis minus publica sunt et nota; ad quæ et alia impedimenta mea in hac parte, et etiam quædam statum meum contingentia, vestræ beatitudini plenius intimandum, dilectum clericum meum, magistrum Johannem de Snaynton', exhibitorem præsentium, ad vestram duxi celsitudinem transmittendum; cui dignetur, si placet, vestra benignitas in dicendis fidem credulam firmiter adhibere; sperans igitur et tenens pro certo, quod apostolicæ clementiæ, quæ quarumlibet mundi partium sibi subjectarum statum prosperum desiderat et quietem, cederet in amaritudinem et mœrorem, si præmissa damna et pericula, pro defectu meæ absentiæ, prædictis partibus et diœcesi evenirent, ex vestræ benignitatis confidentia, certos procuratores feci et constitui, ad faciendum omnia et singula in dicto concilio meo nomine, quæ per me fieri poterunt et requirerentur, si ibidem personaliter in vestræ celsitudinis præsentia essem præsens; vestræ sanctæ paternitati flexis genibus supplicans humiliter et devote, quatenus, pensatis adversitate, oppressionibus, impedimentis et periculis An. Episc. 1.

An. Episc. 1. supradictis, piæ paternæ compassionis affectu, meam personalem absentiam in prædicto concilio ex causis prædictis, dignemini habere, de benignitate apostolica favorabiliter excusatam; cessantibus quidem impedimentis prædictis, et quietis beatitudine patriæ restituta, quandocunque vestræ sanctitati placuerit, me vestro conspectui personaliter cum promptitudine devotissima præsentabo. Vestram sanctissimam et reverendissimam paternitatem, ad exaltationem sui nominis et regimen universalis ecclesiæ suæ, conservet feliciter ipse Deus per tempora prospera et longæva. Datum apud Middelham, vj°. die mensis Octobris, anno Domini M°.ccc.^mo^xj°., et pontificatus nostri primo. A.D. 1311.

Acceptatio ordinum.

f. 27 b. Acceptance of ordination by another bishop.

Ricardus, Dei gratia, Dunelmensis episcopus, dilecto filio Roberto de Qwitton', presbytero nostræ diœcesis Dunolmensis, salutem, gratiam et benedictionem. Petitio tua, nobis exhibita, continebat quod, licet de nostra diœcesi prædicta existeres oriundus, tamen, absque diœcesani tui licentia, alias tamen sine pravitate aliqua, a venerabili fratre nostro, domino W[illelmo], Dei gratia, Sancti Andreæ episcopo, per suarum sacrarum impositionem manuum, omnes sacros ordines recepisti; super quo tibi de opportuno per nos remedio provideri humiliter supplicasti. Nos igitur, attendentes tuæ conversationis honestæ ac vitæ laudabilis merita, super quibus laudabile perhibetur testimonium promereri, ut personam tuam prosequamur favore gratiæ ampliorius, dictorum ordinum collationem et susceptionem, quantum ad nos attinet, ratas habentes et gratas, eas tenore præsentium acceptamus. In cujus rei, etc. Datum, etc.

Licentia dimittendi vicariam ad firmam.

Licence to let a vicarage to farm for one year, to pay for redemption from captivity.

Ricardus, permissione divina, Dunelmensis episcopus, dilecto filio, Roberto de Pykwell', perpetuo vicario ecclesiæ de Hautwisel', nostræ diœcesis Dunelmensis, salutem, gra-

A.D. 1311. tiam et benedictionem. Ex relatione fidedignorum turbati, nuper audivimus quod tu, a Scotis, hostibus regis et regni Angliæ, captus, et in captivitate detentus, absque redemptione gravissima, imminens tibi mortis periculum, et manus temerarias evadere non poteris eorundem; tibi, igitur, pio compatientes paternitatis affectu, ut, pro redemptione tua, pro qua aliunde non sufficis, vicariæ tuæ fructus, redditus, obventiones et proventus per unum annum, prout, et cui, melius expedire videris, ad firmam dimittere valeas, liberam tibi concedimus, tenore præsentium, licentiam et facultatem. In cujus rei testimonium, has literas nostras tibi fieri fecimus patentes, sigilli nostri munimine roboratas. Datum, etc., iij°. idus Octobris, anno, etc. [M°.ccc^mo.], undecimo, et pontificatus nostri, primo. An. Episc. 1.

Request to the convent of Durham for the remission of a part of the pension due from the prior of Holy Island.

Supplicatio pro remittenda pensione.

Ricardus, permissione, etc., dilectis in Christo filiis, dominis priori et conventui ecclesiæ nostræ Dunelmensis, salutem, etc. Amaritudinis calicem, quem non singulariter nobis, verum multis aliis, instans dierum malitia propinavit, plus quam ad sobrietatem oportuit, degustantes, quin potius ipsius nimia frequentia debriati, ex vobis intelligimus, quid de aliis sentiamus, scientes quod inundans malitia super terram multa repræsentat notorie, quæ alias æstimata non fuerant seu provisa. Cum igitur, inter cæteros, prior Insulæ Sacræ, per diutinam moram domini regis illis in partibus, necnon alias post recessum ipsius, ac etiam repentina morte piscatorum, de quibus multas opportunitates fuerat habiturus, hujus amaritudinis calice frequentius sit potatus, nimiumque depressus gravi onere debitorum; circumspectiones vestras requirimus et rogamus quatenus, non solum difficultatem, sed potius impossibilitatem, ipsius ad onus sibi impositum persolvendum plenius advertentes, saltem donec tempora mitiora venerint, partem remittere velitis impositæ pensionis; quod nullus

An. Episc. 1. dubius esse potest quin post onus dictæ domui impositum, multis fuerit incommoditatibus onerata, quæ nos et alios tunc latebant, ad quæ pie debet consideratio nunc haberi. Semper in Domino valeatis. Datum, etc. A.D. 1311.

Commissio. Ricardus, permissione divina, etc., dilectis filiis, decano Dunelmensi, et Johanni de Pollowe, clerico, salutem, etc. Quia clerus archidiaconatus Dunelmensis, damna considerans, pericula et incommoda, quæ per gentem Scotorum, regi et regno Angliæ hostiliter inimicam, tam in personis quam rebus, partibus vicinis et confinibus, tam per strages hominum quam incendia etiam ecclesiarum, villarum et domorum deprædationes, et spolia data et facta, notorie esse noscuntur, et nisi eidem genti potentiori manu bellatorum obvietur, damna et pericula irreparabilia non immerito, et in proximo, formidantur; de singulis libris beneficiorum ecclesiasticorum dicti archidiaconatus, pro defensione sua, in subsidium laicorum, decem denarios concessit et promisit, infra xv. dies in Galilea Dunelmi plene persolvendos: vobis, et vestrum cuilibet, conjunctim et divisim, injungimus et mandamus, quatenus præfatam pecuniam exigatis et recipiatis, in dictos usus convertendam, nobis vel aliis, qui ad hoc fuerint deputati, de præfata pecunia, prout et quando requisiti fueritis, reddituri rationem. Vobis enim ad hæc vices nostras committimus, cum coercionis canonicæ potestate. In cujus rei, etc. Datum. Commission to receive in the Galilee at Durham the money for the subsidy of ten pence in the pound from ecclesiastical benefices imposed for protection against the Scots.

Monitio et compulsio ad satisfaciendum de debito. Ricardus, permissione divina, etc., discretis viris, decano Dunolmensi, ac capellano parochialis ecclesiæ de Wermuth, salutem, etc. Vobis, in virtute obedientiæ, conjunctim et divisim, committimus et mandamus, firmiter injungendo, quatenus moneatis et efficaciter inducatis dominum Robertum de Hylton', militem, quod Monition to the dean of Durham and the chaplain of Wermuth, to compel Robert de Hylton to pay the debt due to the convent of Durham.

A.D. 1311. de xlvij. marcis et vj. libris sterlingorum, duobus solidis et quatuor denariis, et de xx. quarteriis frumenti et xx. quarteriis avenæ, in quibus religiosis viris, priori et conventui ecclesiæ Dunolmensis, coram nobis, in persona procuratoris sui, sententia præcepti, f. 28. judicialiter extiterat condemnatus, infra decem dies a tempore receptionis præsentium, satisfaciat, ut tenetur; alioquin ipsum extunc ad solutionem dictæ pecuniæ, dictis priori et conventui faciendam, per censuram ecclesiasticam, juxta tenorem sententiæ nostræ, monitionibus legitimis et præcedentibus, juxta juris exigentiam, compellatis; qualiter autem præsens mandatum nostrum fueritis executi, vel alter vestrum fuerit executus, nos per vestras patentes literas, harum seriem continentes, cum per procuratorem dictorum prioris et conventus fueritis requisiti, vel alter vestrum fuerit requisitus, reddatis certiores. Valete. Datum, etc. Au. Episc. 1.

Collation to the church of Seggesfeld, void by the death of the rector thereof.

Collatio. Ricardus, permissione divina, Dunelmensis episcopus, dilecto in Christo filio, magistro Petro de Kellawe, salutem, cum benedictione et gratia Salvatoris. Vita laudabilis et honesta conversatio, necnon merita probitatis, cæteraque gratiarum munera, quibus te novimus insignitum, nos excitant et inducunt, ut personam tuam gratiosis favoribus prosequamur. Hinc est quod ecclesiam parochiæ de Seggesfeld', nostræ diœcesis Dunelmensis, per mortem magistri Willelmi de Hewell', nuper rectoris ejusdem, vacantem, et ad nostram collationem pleno jure spectantem, cum suis juribus et pertinentiis universis, tibi conferimus, intuitu caritatis, teque per annulum nostrum investimus præsentialiter de eisdem. In cujus rei testimonium, præsentes literas tibi fieri, et nostro sigillo fecimus communiri. Datum apud Aukland, xxix. die Novembris, anno Domini millesimo ccc. undecimo, et pontificatus nostri primo. Et mandatum fuit archidiacono Dunelmensi, seu ejus locum-tenenti, quod ipsum magistrum

An. Episc. 1. Petrum, seu procuratorem ejus, in corporalem possessionem inducat, et defendat inductum. A.D. 1311.

Collatio præbendæ. Ricardus, etc., dilecto in Christo filio, magistro Johanni de Insula, juris civilis professori, salutem, cum benedictione et gratia salutari. Literarum peritia, et merita probitatis vitæ, etiam insignis honestas et mores compositi, quibus, ex familiari et diutina conversatione, te novimus multipliciter insigniri, nos excitant et inducunt, ut personam tuam prosequi debeamus gratia et favore. Hinc est quod præbendam ecclesiæ collegiatæ de Derlington', per mortem magistri Willelmi de Hewell, nuper præbendarii ejusdem, vacantem, et ad nostram collationem pleno jure spectantem, cum suis juribus et pertinentiis universis, tibi conferimus, intuitu caritatis, teque per annulum nostrum investimus præsentialiter de eisdem. In cujus rei testimonium, præsentes literas tibi fieri, et nostro sigillo fecimus communiri. Datum ut supra. Et mandatum fuit archidiacono, etc., ut supra.

Collation of John de Lisle to a prebend in the collegiate church of Derlington.

Memorandum.— Quod quarto die Decembris, anno Domini millesimo ccc. undecimo, facta fuit quædam obligatio Roberto de Garton' de Alverton', de clxij. libris, ij. solidis, et vj. denariis, solvendis eidem in festo Pentecostes proximo futuro.

Memorandum of an obligation to pay a sum of money to Robert de Garton.

De incarcerato propter contumaciam liberando. Ricardus, permissione divina, etc., dilectis filiis, cancellario nostro ac vicecomiti episcopatus Dunolmensis, et Radulpho de Wyrsop', salutem. Quia Nicholaum le Lester, de Dunelmo, quem nuper, una cum Margareta Scot', eo quod excommunicationis sententiam per xl. dies et amplius animo sustinuerant indurato, capi præcepimus, ad gremium ecclesiæ admisimus redeuntes; vobis præcipimus et mandamus, quatenus captioni ejus-

Mandate to supersede a sentence of excommunication for contumacy, and to release from prison.

A.D. 1311. dem Nicholai supersedeatis, et supersederi faciatis, An. Episc. 1. quousque a nobis aliud receperitis in mandatis. Et cum dicta Margareta, ad gremium ecclesiæ redire volens, per officialem nostrum Dunelmensem, vel ejus commissarium, admissa fuerit, et etiam a dicta sententia absoluta, faciatis eam a carcerali custodia liberari. Valete. Datum, etc., vij. id. Decembris, anno, etc. [M°.CCC^mo.], xj°.

Memorandum of a grant of letters dismissory.

Memorandum.— Quod viij. die mensis Decembris, anno Domini millesimo ccc. undecimo, concessit dominus episcopus literas dimissorias domino Adæ de Routhebyrys.

Commission on an appeal suit between Sir Richard de Routhbyry and John of Castle Bernard, a monk of Durham, executor of the will of Sir Alan de Lasceles.

Commissio in causa appellationis. Ricardus, permissione divina, Dunolmensis episcopus, dilecto filio magistro Ricardo de Eryum, officiali nostro Dunolmensi, salutem, gratiam, etc. Ad cognoscendum, pronunciandum et diffiniendum, in causa seu negotio, appellationis per partem domini Ricardi de Routhbyry, militis, ad nos, ut dicitur, interjectæ, quæ, vel quod, vertitur, aut verti speratur, inter dictum dominum Ricardum, partem appellantem, ex parte una, et dominum Johannem de Castro Bernardi, monachum ecclesiæ Dunelmensis, executorem testamenti domini Alani de Lasceles, militis, defuncti, partem appellatam, ex altera, vobis vices nostras committimus, cum coercionis canonicæ potestate. In cujus rei testimonium, præsentibus sigillum nostrum est appensum. Datum, etc., anno Domini millesimo ccc. undecimo.

f. 28 b. Memorandum of a precept to deliver money.

Memorandum.— Quod xv. die mensis Decembris, anno Domini millesimo ccc.xj. præceptum fuit magistro Willelmo de Kellawe, quod liberaret Johanni Attegare, c. s.

Memorandum of days of pardon granted by the bishop.

Memorandum.— Quod eodem die concessit dominus xl. dies veniæ pro animabus Walteri Faucounberge, et dominæ Agnetis, consortis suæ.

An. Episc. 1. Commissio.

A.D. 1311. Commission to inquire into the matter moved against Peter de Chartres, detaining the church of St. Nicholas in Durham.

Ricardus, permissione divina, Dunelmensis episcopus, dilectis filiis, officiali nostro Dunelmensi, suoque commissario generali, ac magistro Petro de Fyssheburne, clerico, salutem, gratiam et benedictionem. In causis et negotiis quibuscunque, quæ contra dominum Petrum de Carnoto, detentorem ecclesiæ Beati Nicholai in Dunolmo, ex nostri officii debito, super quibuscunque articulis moventur, seu moveri sperantur, vobis, de quorum circumspectionis industria fiduciam gerimus specialem, vices nostras, cum plena potestate corrigendi, inquirendi, puniendi, privandi et amovendi, ac cujuslibet coercionis canonicæ, conjunctim et divisim, committimus per præsentes. Valete. Datum apud Aukland, xj. kal. Decembris, anno Domini millesimo ccc. undecimo, et pontificatus nostri primo.

Citatio ad inquirendum de defectibus domorum præbendæ de Derlington.

Commission to inquire, by a jury of clerks and laymen, concerning the defects of the prebendal houses of Derlington.

Ricardus, permissione divina, Dunolmensis episcopus, decano de Derlington', salutem, gratiam et benedictionem. Vobis in virtute obedientiæ, firmiter injungimus et mandamus, quatenus duodecim viros fidedignos, tam clericos quam laicos, vestri decanatus, per quos veritas in hac parte melius sciri poterit, citetis peremptorie, quod compareant personaliter coram commissariis nostris, uno vel pluribus, in ecclesia parochiali de Derlington', secundo die juridico post festum Epiphaniæ Domini proxime futurum, in negotio inquisitionis, super defectibus domorum ad præbendam, quam magister Willelmus de Ewell', quondam præbendarius in ecclesia prædicta obtinebat, spectantium, et aliis dictam præbendam et domos ejusdem contingentibus, necnon an idem magister Willelmus, vel aliquis de suis præcessoribus, et quis, aliquam pecuniam, et quamcunque, pro dictarum domorum reparatione receperit, veritatem dicturi, facturique ulterius quod justitia suadebit; citantes nihilominus magistrum Johannem de Insula, præfatam præbendam obtinentem, et supradicti

A.D. 1311. magistri Willelmi executores, quod dictis die et loco præfatæ inquisitioni faciendæ intersint, si sua viderint expedire, facturi et recepturi quod hujusmodi natura negotii exigit et requirit. Et quid feceritis in præmissis, et de nominibus citatorum, commissarios nostros, unum vel plures, dictis die et loco, per vestras patentes literas, harum seriem continentes, distincte et aperte certificare curetis. Datum apud Middelham, viij. kal. Januarii, anno etc., undecimo, et pontificatus nostri, primo. An. Episc. 1.

Licence to the rector of the church of Stanhop of absence for one year to attend the schools.

Licentia adeundi scholas.

Ricardus, permissione divina, Dunelmensis episcopus, dilecto in Christo filio, magistro Henrico de Botheby, rectori ecclesiæ de Stanhop', salutem, gratiam et benedictionem. Quum per viros literatos Dei consuevit ecclesia venustari, cupientibus in agro studii laborare, et adquirere scientiæ margaritam, favorem libenter et gratiam, impertimus; laudabili igitur proposito tuo, quod ad morum et studii exercitationem habere te novimus, ut tibi per vitæ meritum, et aliis perficias, per exemplum, pio concurrentes consensu, tuisque supplicationibus favorabiliter inclinati, ut in loco ubi Generale viget Studium, a data præsentium in annum revolutum, morari valeas, scholasticis disciplinis insistens, et interim ad personalem residentiam minime tenearis, secundum formam constitutionis, gratiosam tibi, tenore præsentium, licentiam indulgemus; proviso tamen, quod ecclesia tua debitis interim obsequiis, ac pauperes parochiani consuetis eleemosynis, minime, defraudentur nec animarum cura in eadem aliquatenus negligatur. In cujus rei, etc. Datum Dunelmi, xxvj. die Decembris, anno Domini millesimo ccc. undecimo, et pontificatus nostri primo.

Acceptance of an ordination by the bishop of S. Andrews.

Acceptatio ordinum.

Ricardus, permissione divina, etc., dilecto filio, Thomæ Lepard de Norham, presbytero nostræ diœcesis, salutem, etc. Cum tu dudum, inten-

An. Episc. 1. dens in diœcesi Sancti Andreæ moram perpetuam facere, a venerabili patre, domino W[illelmo], Dei gratia, Sancti Andreæ episcopo, ad subdiaconatus ordinem, non obstante quod de nostra diœcesi oriundus extiteras, alias tamen rite et canonice, promotus fueris, ac postmodum, voluntate mutata, ad nostram diœcesim rediens moraturus, a nobis tacite de præmissis diaconatus et presbyteratus ordines suscepisses, super quo de opportuno providere remedio supplicastis; nos, ob laudabilis vitæ tuæ meritum et alia virtutum dona, de quibus tibi laudabile testimonium perhibetur, dictam ordinationem, per præfatum Sancti Andreæ episcopum factam, ratam habentes et gratam, quod in ipsis et aliis ordinibus licite valeas ministrare, ipso defectu non obstante, quatenus ad nos attinet, tecum misericorditer dispensamus. Datum apud Middelham, v. kal. Januarii, anno, etc. A.D. 1311.

Probatio ordinum. Testimony as to proof of ordination.

Universis Christi fidelibus præsentes literas inspecturis, Ricardus, permissione divina, Dunelmensis episcopus, salutem in Domino. Ad universitatis vestræ notitiam tenore præsentium volumus pervenire, quod cum dominus Robertus de Midelton', capellanus, ad probandum coram nobis, certis die et loco, se ad omnes sacros ordines esse promotum, ex officio, fuisset evocatus, et coram nobis personaliter et in jure constitutus, laudabili fidedignorum testimonio, ad omnes sacros ordines se rite et canonice promotum fuisse, sufficienter et legitime probavisset, nos eundem dominum Robertum ad omnes sacros ordines rite et canonice fuisse promotum, pronunciavimus et declaravimus, justitia exigente, ipsum ab officii nostri instantia in hac parte penitus dimittentes. In cujus rei testimonium, etc., anno Domini, etc., undecimo, et pontificatus nostri, primo. f. 29.

Procuratio ad impetrandum. Appointment of a proctor at

Pateat universis quod nos, Ricardus, permissione divina, Dunelmensis episcopus,

A.D. 1312. the court of Rome.

ad impetrandum literas in Romana curia, tam simplices quam legendas, gratiam seu justitiam continentes, nomine nostro, et ecclesiæ nostræ Dunelmensis, literis contra nos, seu ecclesiam nostram prædictam, impetratis vel impetrandis contradicendum, in loca et judices conveniendum et consentiendum, appellandum, appellationes prosequendum, quodlibet genus liciti sacramenti in animam nostram præstandum, cautiones solitas exigendum et exponendum, alium procuratorem loco sui ad præmissa omnia substituendum, ac substitutum revocandum, et procuratoris officium reassumendum, quotiens et quandocunque sibi visum fuerit expedire, eundem vel alium ad præmissa iterum substituendum, dilectum nobis in Christo magistrum Robertum de Donnebrigg', procuratorem nostrum facimus, ordinamus et constituimus, per præsentes; omnia alia et singula procuratoria et mandata quæcumque ad agendum vel defendendum, literas justitiæ seu gratiæ in Romana curia impetrandum, domino Johanni de Laton', monacho monasterii Dunelmensi, specialiter, vel alii seu aliis quibuscunque, per nos facta, sive data, cujuscunque tenoris existant, necnon substitutum vel substitutos quoscumque, ab eodem domino Johanne, et alio vel aliis quibuscumque, nostro nomine factos, sive datos, tenore præsentium revocantes; et ad omnia hujusmodi procuratoria antedicta, et substitutiones, revocandum, præfato magistro Roberto mandatum speciale damus et concedimus nihilominus per præsentes, ratum et firmum habituri quicquid per dictum magistrum Robertum, substitutum, vel substitutos ab eodem, actum fuerit in præmissis, seu aliquo præmissorum; et has nostras literas nostro sigillo consignari fecimus, in testimonium præmissorum. Datum apud Aukland', secundo die Januarii, anno Domini, etc., undecimo, et pontificatus nostri primo. An. Episc. 1.

Memorandum of a mandate to deliver an

Memorandum.— Quod iij. die Januarii, anno Domini millesimo ccc. undecimo, mandatum fuit

An. Episc. 1. Alexandro de Bergh', ballivo de Hoveden' et de Rykhall', quod liberaret domino Philippo Darcy, unum quercum et unam damam in parco de Rikhall'. A.D. 1312. oak tree and a doe in the park of Rikhall.

Litera missa magistro Roberto de Donnebrig'.

Ricardus, permissione divina, Dunelmensis episcopus, discreto viro, et amico in Domino prædilecto, magistro Roberto de Donnebrigg', salutem, cum benedictione et gratia Salvatoris. De vestræ devotionis et benevolentiæ plenitudine, quam ad nos et ecclesiam nostram Dunelmensem geritis et habetis, per frequentem insinuationem magistri Henrici de Luceby plenius informati, cara vobis exsolvimus munera gratiarum, vestri laboris et diligentiæ magnitudini, condigno retributionis præmio satis opportune, propitiante Domino, responsuri; et, quod in vobis præ cæteris amplius duximus confidendum, discretionem vestram attente requirimus et rogamus, quatenus procuratorium, quod vobis transmittimus, benigne velitis admittere, et in hiis quæ nos vel ecclesiam nostram contingunt, prout magis expedire videbitis, vices agere procuratoris diligentia consueta, substitutiones per dominum Johannem de Laton' factas, quam citius poteritis, facientes omnimodo revocari, quam ea quæ in dicta curia nos vel ecclesiam nostram contingere poterunt quoquomodo; circumspectioni vestræ sicut confidenter, sic utique specialiter duximus committendum, expectantes exnunc, per vos utilia procurari, et fiducialiter præmuniri, si quæ contra nos in curia videritis, aut verisimiliter conjeceritis attentari. Diu et feliciter in Domino valeatis. Datum apud Aukland, ij. die Januarii, pontificatus nostri primo. Letter missive to Robert de Donnebrig, to assume the proxy whom the bishop sends to him.

Litera missa archidiacono Dunolmensi pro priore de Gisburn'.

Sinceræ dilectionis affectum quem ad religiosum virum, dominum W., priorem de Gyseburn', ob expertam ejus devotionem et notam prudentiam, inclytæ memoriæ prædecessor noster, dominus vester, habuit, re- Letter missive to the archdeacon of Durham in favour of the prior of Gisburn.

A.D. 1312. colentes, verisimiliter præsumimus et supponimus pro- An. Episc. 1.
babiliter, quod ab ipsius domini benevolis et amicis, ad recentiorem ejusdem memoriam, jugiter prosequendum est, prærogativa gratiæ specialis ut continuent superstites, quod dominus consueverat operari. Cum igitur singulariter præ cæteris vos semper habuerit cariorem, decens admodum, et congruum, reputamus, ut qui domino vestro fuerat semper carus, vobis utique in omnibus sit acceptus, cæterumque non nisi pacis tempore bene colitur pacis auctor, cupientes ex animo, inter subditos nostros, ut inanibus sumptibus se non vexent, jurgiorum
f. 29 b. seminaria et lites præedere, ac pacis fœdera et unitatis vinculum roborare; circumspectionem vestram attente duximus requirendam, quatenus intuitu affectionis quam ad prædictum priorem habuit dominus nominatus, in causa quam movetis contra ipsum, pro tempore suo velitis totaliter supersedere, vel saltem diem tractatus, quem una cum dicto priore, in nostra præsentia, deliberastis habere, cum pro quibusdam arduis ecclesiæ nostræ negotiis nos oporteat absentare, usque post Pascha differre velitis, et interim æquanimiter expectare; quum, opportunitate tunc habita pleniore, ad quæstionis materiam, quæ inter vos aliqualiter valuit, sopiendam amicabiliter, et finaliter sedandam, alacriter et operose insistere disponimus, et efficaciter laborare. Quid igitur in præmissis duxeritis faciendum, nobis rescribere velitis, per præsentium portitorem. Datum apud Aukland', ij. kal. Januarii, etc.

An inquisition to be taken by a jury of clerks and laymen concerning the defects in the books, vestments, and other ornaments belonging to the church of Auckland, and of the

Citatio de defectibus ecclesiæ de Aukland.'

Ricardus, etc., discreto viro decano de Derlyngton,' salutem, gratiam et benedictionem. Vobis, in virtute obedientiæ, firmiter injungimus et mandamus, quatenus duodecim viros fidedignos, tam clericos quam laicos, vestri decanatus, per quos melius sciri poterit veritas in hac parte, citetis peremptorie, quod compareant personaliter coram commissariis nostris, uno vel pluribus, in ecclesia paro-

An. Episc. 1. chiali de Aukland', primo die juridico post Conversionem Sancti Pauli proximo futuram, in negotio inquisitionis super defectibus librorum, vestimentorum et aliorum ornamentorum ecclesiæ de Aukland', necnon de defectibus ædificiorum, terrarum et tenementorum, ad decanatum de Aukland' spectantium, seu pertinentium, qui temporibus domini Stephani de Maulay, quondam decani de Aukland', imminebant; et de quanta pecunia dicti defectus poterunt emendari et reparari decenter; et an idem dominus Stephanus, vel aliquis de suis prædecessoribus, et quis, aliquam pecuniam, et quantam, pro hujusmodi defectibus reparandis receperit; veritatem dicturi, facturique ulterius quod justitia suadebit; citantes nihilominus magistrum Thomam de Clyfford, præfatum nunc decanatum obtinentem, et supradictum dominum Stephanum, quod dictis die et loco præfatæ inquisitioni faciendæ intersint, si sua viderint interesse, facturi et recepturi quod natura hujusmodi negotii exigit et requirit. Et quid feceritis in præmissis, necnon de nominibus citatorum, commissarios nostros, unum vel plures, ad dictos diem et locum, per vestras literas patentes, harum seriem continentes, distincte et aperte certificari curetis. Datum apud Aukland', ij. die Januarii, anno, etc., undecimo, et pontificatus nostri primo.

A.D. 1312. defects in the houses, lands, &c. belonging to the deanery of Auckland.

Citatio pro notorio delicto. Ricardus, permissione divina, etc., dilecto in Christo filio, perpetuo vicario ecclesiæ de Derlington', salutem, etc. Vobis, in virtute obedientiæ, firmiter injungimus et mandamus, quatenus Johannem dictum Corour, quondam servientem domini Ranulphi de Nevil', militis, citetis peremptorie et publice in ecclesia de Derlington', ratione cujusdam delicti in villa de Derlington', contra libertates ecclesiæ Dunolmensis et Sancti Cuthberti commissi, et per ipsum notorie perpetrati; quod compareat coram nobis

Citation for a notorious offence committed in the vill of Darlington against the liberty of the church of Durham.

A.D. 1311. personaliter, vel commissariis nostris, uno vel pluribus, in vigilia Sancti Andreæ Apostoli, ubicunque tunc fuerimus in nostra diœcesi super quibusdam articulis salutem animæ suæ tangentibus, super quibus ipse præ cæteris melius noverit veritatem, ex officii nostri debito sibi objiciendis, responsurus, facturusque et recepturus quod juris fuerit et consonum rationi. Quid autem in præmissis feceritis, et qualiter mandatum nostrum fueritis executi, nos vel commissarios nostros, unum vel plures, ad dictos diem et locum, per vestras patentes literas, harum seriem continentes, reddatis dilucide certiores. Valete. Datum apud Aukeland', xx. die Novembris, anno, etc. An. Ep'sc. 1.

Act upon the citation of the bishop of Durham to the Parliament.

Actum super citatione domini ad parliamentum.

In nomine Domini, Amen. Anno a Nativitate ejusdem, M.ccc. undecimo, Indictione decima, mensis Novembris die undecimo, excellentis et magnifici principis et domini nostri, domini Edwardi, Dei gratia, regis Angliæ illustris, scaccarii nuncius, Johannes de Scother nominatus, ad venerabilem in Christo patrem et dominum Ricardum, eadem gratia, Dunolmensem episcopum, in camera rectoris ecclesiæ de Braunspath', post solis occasum, accedens, quasdam ipsius domini regis literas clausas, magni sui sigilli impressione de cera alba, more solito, circumvallatas, eidem patri, ex parte dicti domini regis, in præsentia mei, infrascripti notarii, et testium subscriptorum, porrexit et tradidit; quas idem pater reverenter, sicut decuit, recepit, aperuit et perlegit, mihique, notario subscripto, tradidit, rogans ut supra earum porrectione prædicta sibi facta, publicum facerem instrumentum: quarum literarum regiarum in omnibus, et per omnia, tenor est talis:—Edwardus,[1] Dei gratia, rex Angliæ, do-

[1] Enrolled on Close Roll, 5 Edw. 2. m. 25, in dorso.

An. Episc. 1. minus Hiberniæ et dux Aquitaniæ, venerabili in Christo patri, Ricardo, eadem gratia, Dunelmensi episcopo, salutem. Ad instantiam quorundam prælatorum, comitum et baronum de regno nostro, nobiscum in isto parliamento nostro apud Londonias, hucusque commorantium, et desiderantium, propter moram suam diuturnam inibi factam, ad partes proprias se transferre, ac de ipsorum consilio et assensu parliamentum illud usque in diem Veneris proximum post festum Omnium Sanctorum proximo futurum, apud Westmonasterium celebrandum, duximus continuandum; et quibusdam de prælatis, comitibus et baronibus prædictis licentiam concessimus se interim ad propria divertendi, ita, videlicet, quod sint apud Westmonasterium ad dictum diem Veneris ad ultimum, nobiscum ibidem, et etiam vobiscum, et cum cæteris prælatis ac comitibus, baronibus et aliis fidelibus nostris, de regno nostro prædicto, qui nobiscum intererunt tunc ibidem, super diversis et arduis negotiis, nos et statum regni nostri tangentibus, tractaturi; et insuper, ad hujusmodi continuationem parliamenti prædicti apud Westmonasterium interim faciendam, venerabiles patres, Walterum Wigorniensem episcopum, cancellarium nostrum, Johannem Bathoniensem et Wellensem episcopum, et dilectum et fidelem nostrum Henricum de Percy, dilectumque clericum nostrum Johannem de Sandale, thesaurarium, justiciarios et alios fideles nostros deputavimus loco nostri; et quod in tractatu negotiorum prædictorum in parliamento prædicto vestram præsentiam utilem reputamus, vobis mandamus, in fide et dilectione quibus nobis tenemini, firmiter injungentes, quod dicto die Veneris, ad ultimum sitis apud Westmonasterium in propria persona vestra, nobiscum, et cum cæteris prælatis, proceribus et fidelibus supradictis, super memoratis negotiis tractaturi, vestrumque consilium impensuri; et hoc, sicut de vobis confidimus, nullatenus omittatis. Teste meipso, apud Londonias, viij. die Octobris, anno regni nostri A.D. 1311.

A.D. 1311. quinto.—Facta fuit porrectio suprascripta, ut præmittitur, anno, Indictione, mense, die, loco et hora, prænotatis, præsentibus religiosis viris fratribus Galfrido de Haxby, sacræ theologiæ doctore, Willelmo priore de Coldingham, Hugone de Monte Alto, Willelmo de Gyseburgh', Roberto de Dunelmo, Johanne de Wolveston', et Petro de Hilton', monachis, magistris Johanne de Insula, juris civilis professore, Petro de Kellawe, dominis Hugone et Alano de Bolton', de Braunspath', et Elleswik', ecclesiarum rectoribus, cum aliis, tam clericis quam laicis, quampluribus. Et ego, Andreas, quondam Guilielmi de Tang clericus, Eboracensis diœcesis, sacrosanctæ sedis Apostolicæ publicus auctoritate [Apostolica] notarius, qui præmissæ porrectioni, una cum dictis testibus, interfui, eamque, ut præmittitur, anno, Indictione, mense, die, loco et hora prænotatis, fieri vidi, rogatus super ea præsens feci publicum instrumentum, illudque, in publicam formam redactum, signo meo consueto signavi, in fidem et testimonium porrectionis memoratæ. An. Episc. 1.

Act upon the citation of the bishop of Durham to the council of pope Clement VI.

Acta super citatione domini ad concilium.

In nomine Domini, Amen. Anno a Nativitate ejusdem, M.ccc. undecimo, Indictione nona, mensis Septembris die xv., porrectis venerabili in Christo patri et domino, domino Ricardo, Dei gratia, Dunelmensi episcopo, per Guiduchium de Arecia, Hamone de la Ware et Henrico de Hybernia eidem astantibus, et se nuncios sanctissimi in Christo patris et domini nostri, domini Clementis, divina providentia, papæ, Quinti, ad hoc a sede apostolica destinatos, dicentibus, quibusdam literis apostolicis, sub nomine ipsius domini papæ conceptis, et vera ejus bulla plumbea, cum filo canabis integro, ut prima facie apparebat, more Romanæ curiæ pendente, bullatis, eidem patri directis, sub tenore qui sequitur;—Clemens episcopus, servus servorum Dei, venerabili fratri episcopo Dunelmensi, salutem et Apostolicam benedictionem.

An. Episc. 1. Dudum bonæ memoriæ Antonium, patriarcham Jerosolymitanum et episcopum Dunelmensem, prædecessorem tuum, dum adhuc viveret, ad instans concilium, per nos, auctore Domino, celebrandum, per literas nostras fecimus evocari; intendentes ut idem patriarcha, tanquam patriarcha, et etiam sicut episcopus Dunelmensis, in dicto concilio suam præsentiam exhiberet; cum igitur, considerata gravitate et arduitate negotiorum, quæ habemus in concilio prædicto tractare, modicum prælatorum numerum de Anglia et aliis regnis ad præfatum concilium fecerimus evocari, tuque super adventu tuo ad concilium antedictum hæsitare dicaris; nos volentes de corde tuo hæsitationem hujusmodi amputare, fraternitati tuæ, per Apostolica scripta mandamus, quatenus hinc ad kalendas Octobris proxime venturas, si commode poteritis, vel saltem usque ad kalendas Decembris tunc immediate sequentes, præsentiam tuam, quam in eodem concilio speramus multipliciter fructuosam, in ipso concilio studeas exhibere. Datum in prioratu de Gransello prope Malansanam, Vasionensis diœcesis, xviij. kal. Septembris, pontificatus nostri anno sexto,—idem pater ipsas cum omni reverentia recepit, aperuit et perlegit, mihique, notario infrascripto, easdem tradidit, instanter rogans, ut super porrectione prædicta publicum sibi facerem instrumentum. Actum in camera dicti domini episcopi Dunelmensis, Aukeland', anno, Indictione, mense et die prænotatis, præsentibus religiosis viris, fratribus Nicholao de Routhbiri, Hugone de Monte Alto, Willelmo de Giseburn,' Willelmo de Rypon', et Willelmo de Dunelmo, monachis, cum aliis quampluribus. Et ego, Andreas, quondam Guilielmi de Tang' clericus, Eboracensis diœcesis, sacrosanctæ sedis Apostolicæ publicus auctoritate [Apostolica] notarius, qui præmissis, una cum dictis testibus, interfui, rogatus, super hiis præsens feci publicum instrumentum, et, in formam publicam redactum, signo meo consueto signavi, in fidem et testimonium præmissorum. A.D. 1311. f. 30.

A.D. 1311. Composition between the bishop of Durham and the executors of Anthony, the late bishop.

Compositio inter dominum episcopum et executores domini Antonii.

An. Episc. 1.

Ceste endenture tesmoigne qe sire Robert de Wilughby, chevaler, et Thomas de Goldeburgh', ercediaken de Duresme, executours du testament Antoine, nadguers evesque de Duresme, ount graunte que sil aveigne qil pount duement administrer, saunz destourbaunce de pape ou du roi, des biens le dit Antoine, (laquele administracion avoir les ditz executours sueront sanz feintise, et choses countre eux mises en desturbances de la dite administracion loialment, tant come en eux est, defendront,) que les biens et les chateux le dit Antoine, deinz la seignurie Richard, evesque de Duresme demorantz, par bones gentz de par le dit Richard evesque et les ditz executours eslues, soient prisez, et des meismes biens deux mille marchees deners argent en la main le dit Richard evesque, en tele maner qe si les ditz executours, devant la feste de Noel prochein avenir, facent au dit Richard, evesque, seur estate des avanditz dieux mille marchez, et par escrit les relesent et quiteclaiment a touz jours, qe a dunqes le dit Richard evesque relerra et quiteclamera as avantditz executours toute manere de accion qe a lui aporteneit por tote maners de defautes et apparaillementz des chasteux, maners, meisons, vastz, ventes et destrucion de bois et de exhille, et de ornementes de chapeles, des maners et de chescune manere de vesselle, et de toutes autres defautes qe devers les ditz executours porrunt estre demandez en noun le mortes pur les choses avantdites. Et s'il aveigne que les ditz executours pur la desturbance de sequestre le pape, ou de par le roi, ne poissent les avantditz deux mille marcheez de chateux et biens pleinement asseurer, si come avant est dit, que adunkes l'accion le dit Richard, evesque, de defautes et amendementz des chasteux, maners et autres choses desusdites lui soit pleinement sauve, laquele accion endementiers demurra en suspense; et adunques le dit Richard, evesque, obige lui, sa eglise, et ses successurs,

An. Episc. 1. et se graunt estre tenuz as ditz executours en deux mille mars d'argent, a paier deinz le duzun jour de Noel avantdites; et s'il deteigne les deux mille marcz avauntedites outre le duzun jour avantdites, quil soit tenuz a restorer as ditz executours damages et pertes, si nules encurgent pur la detenue del argent avantdit. En tesmoignaunce de quele chose, les parties a ceste escrit endente, entrechangablement, ount mis lous seals. Done a Hoghton', le xxix jour de Juyl, l'an du regne le roi Edward, fiz le roi Edward, quintes. A.D. 1312.

Probatio ordinum. Certificate of ordination.

Christi fidelibus universis, præsentes literas inspecturis, Ricardus, permissione divina, Dunelmensis episcopus, salutem in Domino. Ad universitatis vestræ notitiam volumus pervenire, quod, cum dominus Helias de Colchill', capellanus, rector ecclesiæ de Seham, nostræ diœcesis, ad probandum coram nobis, certis die et loco, se ad omnes sacros ordines fore promotum, ex officio fuisset evocatus, et coram nobis personaliter et in jure constitutus; per literas testimoniales venerabilium patrum, Wygornensis et Sarisburiensis episcoporum, quas non abolitas, non cancellatas, nec in aliqua parte vitiatas, sed omni suspicione carentes, coram nobis exhibuit, ad omnes sacros ordines rite et canonice fuisse promotum, pronunciavimus et declaravimus in hiis scriptis, justitia exigente, ipsum ab officii nostri instantia, in hac parte, penitus dimittentes. In cujus rei, etc. Datum, etc., sexto die Januarii, anno Domini, etc., [M°.ccc^mo.] undecimo, et pontificatus nostri primo.

Confirmatio institutionis domini Eliæ de Colchill. Confirmation of the institution of Ely de Colchill.

Christi fidelibus pateat universis quod nos, Ricardus, permissione, etc., inspeximus literas institutionis dilecti filii nostri, domini Eliæ de Colchill, capellani, in ecclesia parochiali de Seham, nostræ diœcesis, quibus diligenter

A.D 1312. examinatis, pronunciavimus ipsum præfatam ecclesiam de Seham fuisse canonice assecutum. In cujus rei, etc. Datum, etc., vj. die Januarii, anno, etc. [M°.ccc^mo.], undecimo, et pontificatus nostri primo. An. Episc. 1.

Permission to attend the schools for one year.

Memorandum.— Quod eodem die concessit dominus eidem domino Eliæ licentiam adeundi scholas, usque in annum revolutum.

f. 31. Testimonial of institution.

Testimonium domini super institutione domini Eliæ de Colchill in ecclesia de Seham.

Universis sanctæ matris ecclesiæ filiis, præsentes literas inspecturis, Ricardus, permissione divina, Dunelmensis episcopus, salutem in Domino. Vestra noverit universitas dilectum in Christo filium nostrum, dominum Heliam de Colchill', rectorem ecclesiæ de Seham, nostræ diœcesis, absque labe seu specie simoniæ, et cujuslibet alterius illiciti contractus interventu, eandem ecclesiam esse et fuisse canonice assecutum ; utpote a vero patrono legitime præsentatum, et auctoritate ordinaria in eadem institutum canonice, et inductum ; super quibus omnibus et singulis nobis, in forma juris, sufficienter fecit, et legitime, plenam fidem. In cujus rei, etc. Datum, etc., vj. die Januarii, anno, etc. [M°.ccc^mo.], undecimo, et pontificatus nostri primo.

Mandate to pay money.

Memorandum.— Quod octavo die Januarii mandatum fuit magistro Willelmo de Kellawe, receptori nostro Dunelmensi, quod liberaret Andreæ de Brumptoft' xxvj. libras.

Grant of the custody of all forests, chases, woods and parks, in the liberty of Durham.

Commissio forestarii.

Ricardus, Dei gratia, episcopus Dunelmensis, omnibus ad quos præsentes literæ pervenerint, salutem. Sciatis quod commisimus dilecto nobis Willelmo de Brakenbiry custodiam forestarum, chaceorum, boscorum, et parcorum nostrorum, infra libertatem nostram Dunelmensem, una cum dilecto nobis Johanne

An. Episc. 1. Baudre, juniore, faciendo id quod ad forestarium pertinet; ita quod de exitibus et aliis proficuis inde provenientibus, ad scaccarium nostrum Dunelmense nobis respondeat. In cujus rei testimonium, præsentibus sigillum nostrum apposuimus, quamdiu nobis placuerit duraturis. Datum Dunelmi, xxviij°. die Decembris, pontificatus nostri anno primo. A.D. 1312.

Memorandum.— Quod viij. die Januarii concessit dominus xl. dies, pro animabus Petri de Midelton, et Agnetis, consortis suæ, et Ricardi et Johannis, natorum eorundem. Grant of indulgence for 40 days.

Commissio. Ricardus, permissione divina, Dunelmensis episcopus, dilectis filiis, magistro Ricardo de Eryum, officiali Dunelmensi, et magistro Henrico de Luceby, rectori ecclesiæ de Wollouere, clericis suis, salutem, gratiam et benedictionem. Quia adversa detenti valentudine, et, propter occupationes multiplices et occasiones, alias impediti, nostræ visitationis officium in archidiaconatu Northumbriæ, nuper demandatæ, personaliter exercere non valemus, de vestræ discretionis et experientiæ, ac fidelitatis, industria plenam in Domino fiduciam obtinentes, ad visitandum ecclesias ac clerum et populum archidiaconatus supradicti, et de excessibus, criminibus, et defectibus, inquirendum; pœnas canonicas, et pœnitentias salutares, imponendum et injungendum, pro excessibus, criminibus et defectibus, quos et quæ in nostra visitatione reperiri contigerit; ac diffiniendum, statuendum et ordinandum, quæ in dicta visitatione, ad animarum salutem et correctionem, et rerum reformationem, necessaria fuerint, et opportuna, vobis, et vestrum alteri, vices nostras committimus, cum coercionis canonicæ potestate. Datum apud Aukland', viij. die Januarii, pontificatus nostri anno primo.—Renovata est ista commissio sub data xviij. die Februarii. Commission for a visitation in the archdeaconry of Northumberland.

A.D. 1312. Appointment of the constable of the castle of Durham.

Pro constabulario Dunolmi.

Ricardus, Dei gratia, etc., omnibus ad quos præsentes literæ pervenerint, salutem. Sciatis quod constituimus dilectum nobis in Christo, magistrum Willelmum de Kellawe, constabularium castri nostri Dunelmensis, et receptorem nostrum denariorum nostrorum, ad scaccarium nostrum Dunelmensem recipiendorum; et custodiam prædicti castri eidem commisimus, ad opus nostrum, sub pœna et forisfactura qua decet, custodiendi, et ad voluntatem nostram nobis, et non alii, reddendi; et quod de omnibus receptis suis, quamdiu receptor denariorum nostrorum fore contigerit, nobis fideliter respondeat; et ad dictum castrum, et alia præmissa, fideliter custodiendum et faciendum, dictus magister Willelmus obligat se et hæredes suos, omnes terras, et omnia tenementa sua, bona et catalla, ad quorumcunque manus devenerint, discretioni et voluntati dicti domini episcopi, si damnum vel jacturam pro defectu dicti Willelmi in præmissis incurrere contigerit; præsentibus pro voluntate ipsius episcopi duraturis. In cujus rei testimonium, huic scripto indentato partes alternatim sigilla sua apposuerunt. Datum apud Derlington', xij°. die Januarii, pontificatus nostri anno primo. An. Episc. 1.

Commission of inquiry concerning the defects of the vestments, &c. in the collegiate church of Aukland, and also into the defects in the houses, &c. of that deanery.

Commissio ad inquirendum de defectibus vestimentorum et quorumcunque ornamentorum.

Ricardus, etc., discretis viris, de Braunspeth' et Ellewick' ecclesiarum rectoribus, ac perpetuo vicario ecclesiæ collegiatæ de Derlington', nostræ diœcesis, salutem, gratiam et benedictionem. De vestræ circumspectionis industria plenam fiduciam obtinentes, ad inquirendum de defectibus librorum, vestimentorum, et quorumcunque ornamentorum, ad ecclesiam collegiatam de Aukland', ac etiam domorum, terrarum et tenementorum, ad ejusdem ecclesiæ decanum quomodolibet expectantium; et si quis de præcessoribus, vel prædecessoribus, magistri Thomæ nunc decani, pro dictorum defectuum refectione, vel reparatione, pecuniam, et quis et quantam receperit; et de quanta pecunia comperti

An. Episc. 1. defectus refici possint, et, prout debent, congrue reparari, per viros fidedignos, tam clericos quam laicos, in numero competente, per quos sciri poterit melius veritas de præmissis; ac ad hujusmodi pecuniam levandam, et ordinandum de eadem, secundum constitutionis tenorem legati super hoc editæ, et nostræ constitutionis synodalis; vocatis coram vobis, ad certos diem et locum, illis quorum interest, quod hujusmodi inquisitioni faciendæ intersint, si sua crediderint interesse; vobis, et duobus vestrum, quos præsentes esse contigerit, vices nostras, cum coercionis canonicæ potestate, committimus per præsentes. Datum apud Derlington', x°. die Januarii, anno, etc. [M°.ccc^mo.], undecimo, pontificatus nostri primo. A.D. 1312.

Commissio ad inquirendum. Ricardus, permissione divina, Dunelmensis episcopus, discretis viris, magistro Henrico de Luceby, rectori ecclesiæ de Wollouere, et domino Ricardo, perpetuo vicario ecclesiæ collegiatæ de Derlington', nostræ diœcesis, salutem, gratiam et benedictionem. Ad inquirendum de defectibus domorum ad præbendam, quam magister Willelmus de Ewell' quondam obtinuit, in ecclesia antedicta, pertinentium, et de aliis quibuscunque rebus ad ipsam præbendam spectantibus; necnon quis de præcessoribus, vel prædecessoribus, dicti magistri Willelmi, pro dictarum domorum refectione, vel reparatione, pecuniam, et quantam, receperit, et de quanta pecunia comperti defectus refici possint, prout debent, sive reparari, per viros fidedignos, tam clericos quam laicos, per quos sciri poterit melius veritas de præmissis; ac ad hujusmodi pecuniam levandam, et ordinandum de eadem, secundum constitutionis tenorem legati super hoc editæ, et nostræ constitutionis synodalis; vocatis coram vobis, ad certos diem et locum, dicti magistri Willelmi executoribus specialiter, et aliis, in genere, quorum interest, quod hujusmodi inquisitioni faciendæ intersint, si sua crediderint interesse; vobis, et vestrum alteri, vices nostras, f. 31 b. Commission to inquire into the defects of a prebend in the church of Auckland.

A.D. 1312. cum coercionis canonicæ potestate, committimus per præsentes. Datum apud Aukland', iiij°. kal. Januarii, pontificatus nostri anno primo. An. Episc. 1.

The bishop of Durham enjoined to summon one of his clergy before the king's justices at Westminster in a plea of *Quod reddat.*

Breve domini regis quod venire faciat.

Edwardus, Dei gratia, rex Angliæ, dominus Hiberniæ, et dux Aquitaniæ, venerabili in Christo patri, Ricardo, eadem gratia, episcopo Dunelmensi, salutem. Mandamus vobis, quod venire faciatis coram justiciariis nostris apud Westmonasterium, a die Sancti Hillarii in xv. dies, Willelmum Comyn de Boghan, personam ecclesiæ de Ovyngham, clericum vestrum, ad respondendum Willelmo de Herle, Isabellæ, quæ fuit uxor Roberti de Herle, et Willelmo de Bradewell', capellano, executoribus testamenti Roberti de Herle, de placito quod reddat eis viginti et novem libras, sex solidos, et octo denarios, quos eis injuste detinet, ut dicunt; et unde vicecomes noster Northumbriæ mandavit justiciariis nostris apud Westmonasterium, in octavis Sancti Martini, quod prædictus Willelmus Comyn clericus est, et non habet laicum feodum in balliva sua, ubi potest sumere. Et habeatis ibi hoc breve. Teste W. de Bereford, apud Westmonasterium, xxiij°. die Novembris, anno regni nostri quinto.

The bishop's return to the above writ.

Retornum.

Citavimus prædictum Willelmum Comyn, clericum nostrum, quod sit coram justiciariis, apud Westmonasterium ad diem in brevi contentum, et ad hoc faciendum sequestravimus bona sua ecclesiastica.

King's writ of *Venire faciatis,* addressed to the bishop of Durham.

Breve domini regis quod venire faciat.

Edwardus, Dei gratia, rex Angliæ, dominus Hiberniæ, et dux Aquitaniæ, venerabili in Christo patri, Ricardo, eadem gratia, episcopo Dunolmensi, salutem. Mandamus vobis quod venire faciatis coram justiciariis nostris, apud Westmonasterium, a die Sancti Hillarii in xv. dies, Willelmum Comyn de Boghan, executorem testamenti

An. Episc. 1. Johannis Comyn, quondam comitis de Boghan, clericum vestrum, ad respondendum Willelmo de Herle, Isabellæ, quæ fuit uxor Roberti de Herle, et Willelmo de Bradewell', capellano, executoribus testamenti Roberti de Herle, de placito quod reddat eis viginti et septem libras et tresdecim solidos et quatuor denarios, quos eis injuste detinet, ut dicunt; et unde vicecomes noster Northumbriæ mandavit justiciariis nostris apud Westmonasterium, in octavis Sancti Martini, quod prædictus Willelmus Comyn clericus est, et non habet laicum feodum in balliva sua, ubi potest sumere. Et habeatis ibi hoc breve. Teste W. de Bereford, apud Westmonasterium, xxiij°. die Novembris, anno regni nostri quinto. A.D. 1312.

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Pro excommunicato vitando. Universis Christi fidelibus, ad quos præsentes literæ pervenerint, Ricardus, permissione divina, Dunelmensis episcopus, salutem in votivis amplexibus Redemptoris. Cum Robertus de Cokerton', nostræ diœcesis, qui se dicit notarium publicum, fuit, biennio et amplius elapso, per officialem Dunelmensem, olim commissarium generalem, pro suis multiplicatis contumaciis, et offensis pariter manifestis, ad instantiam officialis ejusdem, notorie contractis, majoris excommunicationis sententia innodatus; idem Robertus sententiam hujusmodi in se latam, in contemptu clavium ecclesiæ, vilipendens, in eadem adhuc damnabiliter perseverat, et, in animarum periculum, communioni fidelium se ingerit, sicut prius; ut igitur excusationis materia omnibus auferatur, et excommunicati, dum a communibus actibus excluduntur, rubore suffusi, ad humilitatis gratiam, et reconciliationis affectum, fa- The excommunication of a notary public to be held as effectual, and communication with him to be avoided.

A.D. 1312. cilius se inclinent; universitatem vestram requirimus attentius, et rogamus, quatenus dictum Robertum pro sic excommunicato habentes, quoad communicationem ipsius vitandam, et ejus exclusionem ab actibus communibus, facere velitis, quod juri et rationi convenit in hoc casu. Valete. Datum apud Alverton', iij°. id. Januarii, anno Domini, etc. [M°.ccc^mo.], xj., et pontificatus nostri primo. An. Episc. 1.

Commission to John de Nassington to take cognizance of the charges against Peter de Chartres.

Commissio. Ricardus, permissione divina, Dunolmensis episcopus, dilectis filiis, magistro Johanni de Nassington', . . . officialis nostri Dunolmensis commissario generali, ac magistro Petro de Fyssheburn', clerico, salutem, gratiam et benedictionem. In causis et negotiis quibuscunque, quæ contra dominum Petrum de Carnoto, detentioni ecclesiæ Beati Nicholai in Dunolmo incumbentem, ex nostri officii debito, super infamia, perjurio, perseverantia in excommunicatione, per officialem archidiaconi nostri Dunolmensis contra eum lata, ac irregularitate contracta, eo quod sic ligatus divina celebravit; et quibusdam aliis articulis, in visitatione nostra in nostris civitate et diœcesi Dunolmensi nuper facta, contra eundem dominum Petrum compertis, ac super ipsa ecclesia eorundem articulorum occasione moveri sperantur; vobis, de quorum circumspectionis
f. 32. industria fiduciam gerimus specialem, vices nostras, cum plena potestate corrigendi, inquirendi, puniendi, privandi et amovendi, ac cujuslibet coercionis canonicæ, conjunctim et divisim, committimus per præsentes. Valete. Datum apud Aukeland', undecimo kal. Decembris, anno Domini millesimo trecentesimo undecimo, et pontificatus nostri primo.

Appointment of a collector of the fines and amerciaments imposed at the

Commissio. Ricardus, permissione divina, Dunelmensis episcopus, dilecto filio, Johanni de Pollowe, clerico, salutem, gratiam et benedictionem. Ad exigendum, levandum et colligendum fines et amercia-

An. Episc. 1. menta, quæ occasione visitationis nostræ, infra dicœcesim nostram Dunelmensem, facta jam fuerint, et quæ de cætero fieri contigerit, vobis vices nostras committimus, cum coercionis canonicæ potestate. Datum apud Stoketon', xvj°. die Januarii, pontificatus nostri anno primo. A.D. 1312. bishop's visitation.

Citatio domini ad parliamentum.[1] Edwardus, Dei gratia, rex [Angliæ], dominus Hiberniæ, et dux Aquitaniæ, venerabili in Christo patri, [R.,] eadem gratia, Dunelmensi episcopo, salutem. Quia in ultimo parliamento nostro, apud Westmonasterium habito, propter solemnitatem festi Natalis Domini supervenientis, diversa et ardua negotia, nos et statum regni nostri, aliarumque terrarum nostrarum, multipliciter tangentia, non potuimus, sicut sperabamus, totaliter expedire; propter quod aliud parliamentum, apud Westmonasterium, prima Dominica Quadragesimæ proximo futuræ tenere, et vobiscum, et cum cæteris prælatis et proceribus dicti regni, super præmissis, favente Domino, finaliter pertractandis, habere proponimus colloquium et tractatum; vobis mandamus, in fide et dilectione, quibus nobis tenemini, firmiter injungentes, quod sitis personaliter, ad dictos diem et locum, nobiscum et cum cæteris prælatis, ac [cum] proceribus prædictis, aliisque fidelibus nostris, super memoratis negotiis tractaturi, vestrumque consilium impensuri; præmunientes priorem et capitulum ecclesiæ prædictæ, archidiaconos, totumque clerum vestræ diœcesis, quod iidem prior et archidiaconi in propriis personis suis, et dictum capitulum per unum, idemque clerus per duos procuratores idoneos, plenam et sufficientem potestatem ab ipsis capitulo et clero habentes, una vobiscum intersint modis omnibus tunc ibidem ad faciendum et consentiendum hiis, quæ tunc de communi consilio, favente Domino, ordinari Summons of the bishop to parliament.

[1] Enrolled also on Close Roll, 5 Edw. 2, m. 17, dors.

A.D. 1311. contigerit super negotiis antedictis. Et hoc nullatenus omittatis. Teste meipso, apud Westmonasterium, xix°. die Decembris, anno regni nostri quinto. An. Episc. 1.

King's writ to the bishop to order the collectors of the fifteenth granted by the clergy at Northampton to appear before the barons of the Exchequer.

Breve domini regis "Quod distringatis."

Edwardus, Dei gratia, rex Angliæ, dominus Hiberniæ, et dux Aquitaniæ, venerabili in Christo patri, Ricardo, eadem gratia, Dunelmensi episcopo, salutem. Mandamus vobis, sicut alias, quod distringatis collectores quintæ-decimæ, nuper nobis a clero apud Norhamton' concessæ, in episcopatu vestro, per Antonium, nuper Dunelmensem episcopum, prædecessorem vestrum, ad hoc electos, per beneficia sua ecclesiastica, quæ habent in eodem episcopatu vestro; ita quod sint coram baronibus de Scaccario nostro, apud Westmonasterium, in octabis Sancti Hillarii, cum rotulis, talleis, brevibus, et omnibus aliis compotum suum tangentibus, ad reddendum nobis compotos, nondum redditos, de quinta-decima prædicta. Et remittatis ibi tunc hoc breve. Teste, W. de Norwico, tenente locum thesaurarii, apud Westmonasterium, viij°. die Decembris, anno regni nostri quinto.

Bull of Clement V. on matters concerning the Holy Land.

Bulla domini papæ pro negotio Terræ Sanctæ.

Clemens episcopus, servus servorum Dei, venerabilibus fratribus, patriarchis, archiepiscopis et episcopis, ad quos literæ istæ pervenerint, salutem et Apostolicam benedictionem. Gerentes cordi negotium Terræ Sanctæ, ac intendentes sollicite ad promotionem passagii, quod per dilectos filios . . . magistrum et fratres Hospitalis Sancti Johannis Jerusalem, in vernali tempore proximo futuro, providimus faciendum, et per ipsos prosequendum, Deo duce, per quinquennium secuturum; obtinentes quoque de vestræ circumspectionis industria fiduciam in Domino specialem, vobis et vestrum singulis commutandi, dicto durante quinquennio,[1] abstinentiæ

[1] Blank in MS.

An. Episc. 1. et quarumcumque peregrinationum, voto ultramarino duntaxat excepto, in pecuniarium subsidium præfatis . . . ., magistro et fratribus, vel eorum procuratori, pro dicto passagio exhibendum, cum super hoc ab eis, vel eodem procuratore, fueritis requisiti, dummodo conditione inspecta, venientium ac dicti passagii necessitate pensata, super quibus vestram conscientiam oneramus, pretio vel precibus, amicitia, favore, vel odio cujuscumque, nihil circa hæc, super quibus sciat se unusquisque vestrum redditurum in examine districti judicii ratione agatur, in fraudem vel diminutionem supradicti, plenam et liberam auctoritate præsentium concedimus facultatem. Volumus autem ut hujusmodi pecuniarum subsidium præstandum, videlicet per voventes peregrinationes easdem, ad tantam summam pecuniæ extendatur, quantam voventes ipsi pro complendo voto peregrinationis ejusdem personaliter expendissent; votum autem hujusmodi abstinentiæ juxta illius arbitrium intendimus redimi, qui votum hujusmodi commutaverit. De pecunia vero, quæ habebitur prætextu confessionis hujusmodi, fiat quoad traditionem ipsius pecuniæ faciendam procuratori prædicto, et quoad confectionem literarum receptionis dictæ pecuniæ. A.D. 1312.

Institutio vicariæ de Grendon. Ricardus, permissione divina, etc., dilecto in Christo filio, domino Willelmo Maunseill', presbytero, salutem, gratiam et benedictionem. Exigentibus tuæ probitatis meritis, quibus te multorum testimonio novimus insignitum, ad vicariam de Grendon', vacantem, et ad patronatum seu præsentationem magistri et fratrum Hospitalis de Shyreburn', ut per inquisitionem inde captam, et nobis transmissam, apparet liquido, spectantem, ad ipsorum magistri et fratrum præsentationem, te admittimus, et, cum cura et onere perpetuæ residentiæ, perpetuum vicarium instituimus in eadem. In cujus rei testimonium, præsentes literas tibi fieri, et nostro sigillo fecimus communiri. Datum Institution to the vicarage of Grendon. f. 32 b.

A.D. 1312. apud Stoketon', xx°. die Januarii, anno Domini millesimo cccm°xi°., et pontificatus nostri primo. An. Episc. 1.

Order for induction to the vicarage of Grendon.

Archidiacono qui eum inducat.

Ricardus, permissione divina, Dunolmensis episcopus, dilecto in Christo filio, domino . . . ., archidiacono Dunolmensi, vel ejus locum-tenenti, salutem, gratiam et benedictionem. Quia per inquisitionem, nuper per vos de mandato nostro factam, de vicaria de Grendon', compertum est, ipsam vicariam fore vacantem, ac magistrum et fratres Hospitalis de Shyreburn veros esse ipsius vicariæ patronos, et dominum Willelmum Maunseyl, presbyterum, per dictos magistrum et fratres præsentatum, ad regimen ipsius vicariæ esse idoneum, eundem dominum Willelmum, ad præsentationem magistri et fratrum prædictorum, ad ipsam vicariam admisimus, ipsumque vicarium, cum cura et onere perpetuæ residentiæ, instituimus in eadem; vobis mandamus, quatenus ipsum, vel procuratorem suum, ejus nomine, in corporalem possessionem ejusdem vicariæ, cum suis juribus et pertinentiis, inducatis, et inductum, vice nostra, defendatis. Valete. Datum apud Stoketon', xx°. die Januarii, anno, etc., [M°.ccc^mo.] xi.

Inquisition relative to the vicarage of Grendon.

Inquisitio de eadem.

Venerabili in Christo patri et domino, dominoque suo, si placet, reverendo domino, Ricardo, Dei gratia, episcopo Dunolmensi, suus humilis et devotus, domini Dunolmensis archidiaconi officialis, salutem, cum debitis obedientia, reverentia, pariter et honore. Mandatum vestrum reverenter, ut decuit, nuper in hæc verba recepi:—Ricardus, permissione divina, Dunolmensis episcopus, dilecto in Christo filio, domino archidiacono Dunolmensi, seu ejus locum-tenenti, salutem, gratiam et benedictionem. Præsentarunt nobis custos Hospitalis de Shyreburn', et fratres ejusdem domus, dominum Willelmum Mansel, presbyterum, ad vicariam de Grendon', vacantem, et ad suam præsenta-

An. Episc. 1. tionem spectantem, ut dicunt. Quocirca vobis mandamus, quatenus, in proximo vestro pleno capitulo celebrando, per rectores et vicarios vicinos, diligenter inquiratis an dicta vicaria vacet; qualiter vacat, et a quo tempore vacavit; an sit litigiosa, et inter quos; an sit pensionaria, et cui, et in quantum; de valore ipsius, et in quibus consistat; quis sit verus patronus; quis sit in possessione præsentandi; et quis, in tempore pacis, ad eam ultimo præsentavit; de moribus etiam, et conditionibus præsentati; et de omnibus aliis circumstantiis et articulis consuetis. Et quid per inquisitionem inveneritis, per literas vestras patentes, harum seriem continentes, sub sigillo vestro, una cum sigillis eorum, per quos facta fuerit inquisitio, nobis constare dilucide faciatis. Valete. Datum apud Aukeland', viij°. die Januarii, pontificatus nostri anno primo.—Hujus igitur auctoritate mandati, die Lunæ proximo post festum Sancti Hillarii, anno Domini millesimo cccxi°., in ecclesia parochiali de Derlington', in pleno capitulo ibidem tunc celebrato, per rectores, vicarios, ac capellanos parochiales vicinos subscriptos, diligentem feci inquisitionem, videlicet;—dominos Thomam de Normanton', Johannem de Akelei, Johannem de Cambe, ecclesiarum de Dytensale, Staynton' in Strata, et Midelton' Sancti Gregorii, rectores; dominum Willelmum de London', portionarium in eadem ecclesia Beati Gregorii; dominos Willelmum de Burdon,' Willelmum de Pykeringes, Ricardum et Thomam, ecclesiarum de Heythington', Gaynford, Derlington', et de Bysshopton', vicarios; ac dominos Johannem, Willelmum, Henricum et Johannem, ecclesiarum de Haluchton', Derlington', Hurtheworth' et Grendon', capellanos parochiales. Qui dicunt, quod dicta vicaria de Grendon' vacat, et vacavit a festo Epiphaniæ Domini ultimo elapso,[1] per resignationem domini Eustacii, dudum vicarii ejusdem; dicunt etiam quod non est litigiosa, neque A.D. 1312.

[1] *elapso*] elaso, MS.

A.D. 1312. pensionaria; at in quibus consistit ignorant, ut dicunt, An. Episc. 1.
quia nunquam viderunt ordinationem super eadem. Dicunt similiter, quod magister et fratres Hospitalis de Shyreburn' sunt veri patroni ejusdem, et in possessione præsentandi, et ultimo, tempore pacis, præsentarunt ad eandem; et quinque marcas valet annuatim. De moribus etiam et conditionibus præsentati, dicunt quod capellanus est, liber et legitimus, bonæ vitæ et honestæ conversationis, et sufficientis literaturæ, nec in aliquo crimine irretitus, quod ipsi sciant; super aliis articulis et circumstantiis, diligenter requisiti, penitus nihil sciunt. In cujus rei testimonium, præsentem inquisitionem, sigillis testificantium consignatam, vobis transmitto, sub sigillo meo inclusam. Conservet vos, ad regimen ecclesiæ suæ sanctæ et populi sui, Deus, per tempora prospere successiva. Datum apud Derlington', die et anno superius annotatis.

f. 33. Indulgence for 40 days granted to those going to the chapel of Novisk, in diocese of Lincoln.

Indulgentia pro capella. Universis sanctæ matris ecclesiæ filiis, præsentes literas inspecturis, Ricardus, permissione divina, Dunolmensis episcopus, salutem in omnium Salvatore. Capellam, in curia magistri Rogeri de Marcivall', apud Novisk', Lincolniensis diœcesis, in honore Domini nostri Jesu Christi, ac gloriosæ genitricis suæ Beatæ Mariæ, perpetuæ virginis, ædificatam, ac etiam consecratam, in qua omnium Conditor et Redemptor veneratur et colitur, delictorumque venia imploratur, per frequentationem devotam fidelium, profectum in bono zelamus, et prosperum suscipere incrementum. De Dei igitur omnipotentis misericordia, beatissimæ Virginis Mariæ, gloriosi confessoris, beati Cuthberti, patroni nostri, et omnium sanctorum, meritis confidentes; omnibus parochianis nostris, et aliis, quorum diœcesani hanc nostram indulgentiam ratam habuerint, de peccatis suis, vere contritis et confessis, qui ad capellam prædictam, pia devotione, ob reverentiam Jesu Christi, ac piissimæ Virginis Mariæ, matris ejusdem,

An. Episc. 1. accesserint, ipsosque ibidem, precibus sibi acceptis, adoraverint, ac pro animabus omnium defunctorum orationes aliquas dixerint, mente pia, quadraginta dies de injuncta sibi pœnitentia misericorditer relaxamus. In cujus rei testimonium, sigillum nostrum præsentibus est appensum. Datum apud Stoketon', xxj°. die Januarii, anno Domini millesimo ccc^mo^. undecimo, et pontificatus nostri primo. A.D. 1312.

Concessio cantariæ. Grant of a faculty as to the performance of service in the chapel of Hoton.

Ricardus, permissione divina, Dunolmensis episcopus, dilecto in Christo filio, Willelmo de Brigholme, salutem, etc. Tuis supplicationibus, quæ et opus pietatis sapiunt, et divini cultus respiciunt incrementum, favorabiliter inclinati, ut in capella de Hoton', cum infirmitate gravatus fueris, et alias per vices, libere tibi facere possis missarum solemnia celebrare, jure et libertate matris ecclesiæ, in quibuscunque oblationibus et obventionibus, per omnia semper salvis, gratiosam tibi, tenore præsentium, concedimus facultatem. Ita tamen, quod quotienscunque in eadem capella, ad instantiam tuam, vel occasione tui, ex quacunque causa contigerit celebrari, omnia quæ ad missarum solemnia opportuna fuerint, sine omni onere parochialis ecclesiæ et quorumcunque parochianorum, facias congrue provideri. In cujus rei testimonium, præsentes literas tibi fieri, et nostro sigillo fecimus communiri. Datum, etc., xxj°. die Januarii.

Citatio. Citation addressed to the Vicar of Gretham for certain persons to appear before the bishop.

Ricardus, permissione divina, Dunolmensis episcopus, dilecto in Christo filio, domino perpetuo vicario de Gretham, salutem. Vobis, in virtute obedientiæ firmiter injungendo, mandamus, quatenus Rogerum dominum de Claxton', Lionem, Johannem, Michaelem, Willelmum et Robertum, natos ejusdem Rogeri, et etiam Willelmum dictum Postel, citetis peremptorie, ex causa quod compareant coram nobis in crastino Purificationis Beatæ Mariæ proximo nunc in-

A.D. 1312. stantis, ubicumque tunc fuerimus in nostra diœcesi ; super sibi objiciendis, ex officio responsuri, ac plenam super requirendis ab eis veritatem dicturi, facturique ulterius, et recepturi, quod justitia suadebit, et consonum fuerit rationi. Quid autem in præmissis feceritis, et de die receptionis præsentium, nos dictis die et loco reddatis dilucide certiores, per literas vestras patentes, harum seriem continentes. Valete. Datum apud Stoketon', xxiij°. die Januarii, pontificatus nostri anno primo. An. Episc. 1.

Commission to appraise the emblements and goods which belonged to Anthony the late bishop.

Commissio ad æstimandum et appreciandum.

Christi fidelibus universis pateat per præsentes, quod nos, Ricardus, permissione divina, Dunolmensis episcopus, dilectos nobis in Christo, dominum Hugonem de Mouhaut', magistrum domus de Kypier,' Thomam de Fyssheburn' et Willelmum de Demmi, ac duos ipsorum, quos præsentes esse contigerit, assignamus et attornamus, loco nostro, ad æstimandum et appretiandum ea, quæ de bonis inclitæ memoriæ domini Antonii, prædecessoris nostri, in bladis et aliis quibuscunque recepimus, quæ non fuerunt alias æstimata ; et ad calculandum, cum executoribus ejusdem prædecessoris nostri, vel deputatis ab ipsis ; et ad conveniendum de pretio quorumcunque per nos vel nostros receptores finaliter, cum eisdem ; ratum habituri et firmum quicquid prædicti Hugo, Thomas et Willelmus, aut duo ipsorum, nomine nostro, fecerint in præmissis, vel aliquo præmissorum. In cujus rei testimonium, etc. Datum apud Aukeland, xxiiij°. die Januarii, anno, etc.

Citation to appear before the bishop.

Citatio.

Ricardus, permissione divina, etc., dilecto in Christo filio, perpetuo vicario de Gretham, salutem. Vobis, in virtute obedientiæ, firmiter injungendo mandamus, quatenus Rogerum dominum de Claxton', Lieonem, Johannem, Michaelem, Willelmum et Robertum, natos ejusdem Rogeri, ac etiam Willel-

An. Episc. 1. mum dictum Postel, citetis peremptorie, ex causa, quod compareant coram nobis, in crastino Purificationis Beatæ Mariæ proximo nunc instantis, ubicumque tunc fuerimus in nostra diœcesi, super sibi objiciendis ex officio responsuri, ac plenam, super requirendis ab eis, veritatem dicturi, facturique ulterius, et recepturi, quod justitia suadebit, et consonum fuerit rationi. Quid autem in præmissis feceritis, et de die receptionis præsentium, nos, dictis die et loco, reddatis dilucide certiores, per literas vestras patentes, harum seriem continentes. Valete. Datum apud Stoketon', xxij°. die Januarii. A.D. 1312.

Bulla pro rectore de Wynston. Clemens episcopus, servus servorum Dei, dilecto filio, Roberto de Lareye, subdiacono, rectori ecclesiæ de Wynston', curam animarum habentis, Dunolmensis diœcesis, salutem et apostolicam benedictionem. Devotionis ac probitatis tuæ meritis, super quibus laudabile tibi testimonium perhibetur, inducimur ut personam tuam opportuni favoris gratia prosequamur. Petitio siquidem tua nobis exhibita continebat, quod cum olim bonæ memoriæ Antonius, episcopus Dunolmensis, ecclesiam de Wynston', curam animarum habentem, Dunolmensis diœcesis, tunc vacantem, et ad suam collationem spectantem, cujus redditus et proventus sexdecim librarum sterlingorum, secundum taxationem decimæ, valorem annuum non excedunt, tibi canonice contulisset, teque investivisset etiam de eadem; tu, hujusmodi collationis et investituræ prætextu, absque alia corporali inductione, in dictam ecclesiam, per eum ad quem id pertinebat, de te facta, fuisti, auctoritate propria, ejusdem ecclesiæ possessionem ingressus; et subsequenter, eodem episcopo in remotis agente, quidam ejus vicarius generalis in dicta diœcesi, tecum, ut insistens studio literarum, non tenereris, inde ad septennium, ratione ipsius ecclesiæ, ad sacros, nisi ad subdiaconatus tantum ordines promoveri, juxta con- f. 33 b. Bull of Clement V. for the rector of Wynston.

A.D. 1312. stitutionem felicis recordationis Bonifacii papæ viij., prædecessoris nostri, super hoc editam, dispensavit; quamvis super hoc nullam specialem haberet ab eodem episcopo potestatem, cujus dispensationis prætextu eidem studio, non continuis, prout secundum constitutionem tenebaris eandem, sed, interruptis temporibus, institisti; dictamque ecclesiam nihilominus, a tempore quo, ut præmittitur, illius fuisti possessionem ingressus, retinuisti, et retines, fructus percipiens ex eadem; necdum te fecisti ad prædictos sacros, nisi ad ipsum subdiaconatus dumtaxat, ordines promoveri, dispensatione aliqua super hiis a sede apostolica non obtenta. Cum autem tu super præmissis habens conscientiam remordentem, et ad præfatæ sedis propterea recurrens providentiam, ejus gratiam suppliciter imploraris; nos statui tuo, in hac parte, salubriter providere volentes, tuisque supplicationibus inclinati, tecum, ut prædictam ecclesiam, præmissis et quacunque constitutione contraria nequaquam obstantibus, licite valeas retinere, auctoritate apostolica, dispensamus; remittentes ac donantes tibi fructus ex eadem ecclesia minus rite perceptos, ac abolentes omnem infamiæ maculam, et inhabilitatis notam, in te forsan præmissorum occasione obortas, de apostolicæ plenitudine potestatis. Nulli ergo omnino hominum liceat hanc paginam nostræ dispensationis, remissionis, donationis et abolitionis infringere, vel ei ausu temerario contraire. Si quis autem hoc attentare præsumpserit, indignationem omnipotentis Dei, et beatorum Petri et Pauli, Apostolorum ejus, se noverit incursurum. Datum Viennæ, viij. id. Novembris, pontificatus nostri anno sexto. An. Episc. 1.

Inquisition to be made relative to the church of Morpath.

Inquisitio de ecclesia de Morpath'.

Reverendissimo in Christo patri et domino, domino Ricardo, Dei gratia, Dunolmensi episcopo, suus devotus, officialis domini archiadiaconi Northumbriæ, salutem, obedientiam, reverentiam, pariter et honorem. Mandatum vestrum

An. Episc. 1. nuper recepi, in hæc verba;—Ricardus, permissione divina, episcopus Dunolmensis, dilecto filio, officiali archidiaconatus Northumbriæ, salutem, gratiam et benedictionem. Præsentavit nobis dominus Radulphus filius Willelmi, miles, dominum Willelmum, filium domini Willelmi de Bereford', clericum, ad ecclesiam de Morpath', nostræ diœcesis, vacantem, et ad ipsius præsentationem spectantem, ut dicit. Quocirca vobis, in virtute obedientiæ, qua nobis estis astricti, firmiter injungendo, mandamus, quatenus, an dicta ecclesia vacet, qualiter vacat, et a quo tempore vacavit; an sit litigiosa; an sit pensionaria, cui, et in quantum; quis sit ipsius ecclesiæ verus patronus; quis ultimo præsentavit ad eandem; necnon de persona et moribus præsentati, et an alibi beneficiatus existat, in quibus sit ordinibus constitutus; ac de omnibus aliis articulis et circumstantiis, in inquisitione hujusmodi, debitis et consuetis, per viros fidedignos, rectores, vicarios, capellanos, et alios ad hoc, de speciali gratia, specialiter convocatos, die et loco quibus expedire videbitur, loci capitulo ad hoc minime exspectato, inquisitionem faciatis diligentem. Et quid per hujusmodi inquisitionem inveneritis, nobis per vestras literas, harum seriem continentes, sigillis eorum, per quos facta fuerit hujusmodi inquisitio, consignatas, et sub vestro inclusas, distincte et aperte constare faciatis. Bene valete. Datum apud Middelham, quarto die Augusti, pontificatus nostri anno primo.—Auctoritate igitur hujus mandati, in pleno loci capitulo, diligentem feci inquisitionem, per dominos Rogerum Bartram, Johannem de Wychenore, de Bothehall' et de Staungton ecclesiarum rectores, per dominos Johannem de Pykering', Gilbertum de Derlington', Thomam de Stoketon', Nicholaum de Massam, Thomam de Har', de Ponteland, Neweburn', Hedon' super Murum, Mitford, et de Staunfordham, ecclesiarum vicarios, per dominos Rogerum de Wychenore, Rogerum de Eland, Willelmum de Kyr- A.D. 1312.

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Qualton', Wodehorn' et de Tynemuth, procuratores; necnon per dominum Adam de Benton', militem, Adam Baretrer, Bartholomæum Benett, et Petrum de Pontelland, laicos. Qui dicunt jurati, quod ecclesia de Morpath' vacat, et hoc per mortem domini Edmundi, ultimi rectoris ejusdem; et vacavit a xv°. die mensis Septembris, anno Domini millesimo ccc^mo.viij°.; non est litigiosa, nec pensionaria. Item dicunt, quod dominus Radulphus filius Willelmi, miles, est verus patronus ejusdem ecclesiæ; dominus Johannes de Creystok' ultimo præsentavit ad eandem. Dicunt etiam quod
f. 34. præsentatus est bonæ et honestæ conversationis, et bene morigeratus; non est alibi beneficiatus, et est in ordine acolytatus constitutus; liber est, et per sanctissimum patrem, dominum Clementem papam, Quintum, legitimatus; de cæteris solitis circumstantiis requisiti, penitus nihil sciunt. In cujus rei testimonium, huic præsenti inquisitioni, sigillis contestificantium consignatæ, sigillum officialitatis Northumbriæ duxi apponendum. Datum apud Morpath', ij. non. Octobris, anno Domini millesimo ccc^mo. undecimo.

Collation to the church of Morpath.

Collatio ejusdem ecclesiæ. Ricardus, permissione divina, Dunolmensis episcopus, dilecto in Christo, clerico suo, domino Willelmo de Bereford', salutem, gratiam et benedictionem. Morum honestas, et laudabilis vitæ conversatio, ac varia probitatis merita, quibus te novimus multipliciter insignitum, efficaciter nos inducunt, ut personam tuam prosequi debeamus favorabiliter, ampliori prærogativa gratiæ et favoris; propter quod, ecclesiam de Morpath', nostræ diœcesis, vacantem, ad nostram collationem, per lapsum temporis, hac vice spectantem, tibi conferimus, intuitu caritatis, teque de eadem, per annulum nostrum præsentialiter investimus, volentes et concedentes, pro nobis et successoribus nostris, quod hæc collatio sive donatio nostra, ut præ-

An. Episc. 1. mittitur, hac vice facta, domino Radulpho filio Willelmi, ejusdem ecclesiæ de Morpath' vero patrono, prout per inquisitionem super hoc factam, et nobis transmissam, satis apparet, nec hæredibus suis, præjudicium generet in futurum. In cujus rei testimonium, præsentes literas eidem domino Willelmo fieri, et nostro sigillo fecimus communiri. Datum apud Stoketon', xij°. die Januarii, anno, etc. [M°.CCC^mo.] undecimo, et pontificatus nostri primo. A.D. 1312.

Compositio inter executores domini Johannis Marmeduk', et dominum Ricardum, filium et hæredem ejusdem, et dominum nostrum episcopum.

Composition between the executors of John Marmeduk, and Richard his son and heir.

Memorandum, quod cum inter nobiles viros, dominos Henricum filium Hugonis, et Thomam de Wytheworth', milites, executores testamenti domini Johannis Marmeduk', nuper defuncti, ex parte una, et nobilem virum, dominum Ricardum Marmeduk', filium et hæredem dicti domini Johannis, ex altera, dicti testamenti occasione, quæstio, seu controversia, mota esset; dictis partibus coram nobis, Ricardo, permissione divina, episcopo Dunolmensi, loci ordinario, in manerio nostro apud Middelham, xvj. die Augusti, anno Domini millesimo trecentesimo undecimo, et pontificatus nostri primo, personaliter constitutis, et quibusdam tractatibus habitis inter eos, dicta quæstio, seu controversia, in hunc modum finaliter conquievit, videlicet; quod corpus dicti domini Johannis de bonis suis, tanquam de bonis testati, in loco ad hoc, in voluntate sua ultima, destinato, debeat honorifice sepeliri. Item, quod, inventario bonorum dicti domini Johannis, auctoritate bonæ memoriæ domini Antonii, prædecessoris nostri, facto, diligenter inspecto, et bonorum eorundem quantitate pensata, deducentur, ante omnia, debita, si qua liquida fuerint, et satisfiat creditoribus de eisdem. De residuo autem dictorum bonorum deducantur, similiter, omnes expensæ, quæ ad dicti defuncti sepulturam, in quibuscunque, juxta personæ suæ conditionem

A.D. 1312. et statum, et ipsius ultimam voluntatem, necessario requiruntur. Et si æstimatio bonorum, de quibus, ut prædictum est, factum fuit inventarium, ad eorundem bonorum verum valorem minime se extendat, præfati executores, a juramento suo in hac parte præstito, quantum ad illud quod dictam æstimationem excedit, auctoritate nostra ordinaria exonerentur; et dictus dominus Ricardus, in conscientia sua, et periculo animæ suæ, eadem auctoritate nostra, oneretur, quod dictorum bonorum verum valorem, ultra æstimationem supradictam, pauperibus, vel in alios pios usus convertendum, pro anima dicti patris sui, fideliter erogabit. Et si contingat, aliqua bona dicti domini Johannis inveniri, in supradicto inventario non contenta, pro parte dictorum executorum, duo viri fidedigni, ad æstimandum, seu appretiandum, bona hujusmodi, et, pro parte dicti domini Ricardi, duo alii, eligantur; quorum æstimationem, seu appretiationem, si omnes conveniant, utraque pars ratam habebit et acceptam. Si autem convenire non possunt dicti duo, pro parte executorum, et alii duo, ex parte dicti domini Ricardi, electi, æstimationem suam per se scribant separatim. Et utraque pars, postmodum, æstimationem, seu appretiationem hujusmodi, nobis præsentabit, et quod per nos fuerit ordinatum, dictæ partes, in omnibus, acceptabunt. Bona autem, quæ sic æstimata fuerint, penes dictum dominum Ricardum remanebunt, et ipse præfatis executoribus statim satisfaciat de æstimatione eorundem; alias ipsa bona eisdem executoribus liberentur. Consensum est, præterea, quod tam executores supradicti, quam dictus Ricardus, erga executores testamenti dicti prædecessoris nostri, de nostro auxilio et consilio, per viam amoris instanter procurabunt, ut de centum triginta marcis, quas idem dominus Ricardus præfato prædecessori nostro, dum vixit, pro bonis dicti domini Johannis, eidem domino Ricardo venditis, solvit, per præfatos executores sibi satisfaciat, alias hoc

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An. Episc 1. idem per viam justitiæ procuretur. Et si neutra via illud valeat procurari, tunc dictæ pecuniæ solutio ipsis executoribus, necnon dicto domino Ricardo, pro partibus cedat æqualibus in jacturam. Item, quod bona dicti defuncti, quæ præfatus dominus Ricardus recepit vel habuit, seu æstimationes, præfatis executoribus reddat integre vel persolvat. Ita quod de dictis bonis, vel æstimatione eorundem, libere valeant disponere, et prout saluti animæ defuncti magis eis expedire videbitur ordinare. Item, super hiis quæ dictus dominus Ricardus de bonis dicti patris sui nititur vendicare, pro eo quod pater suus uxorem non habuit, nec liberos præter eum, consistorii nostri Dunolmensis considerationi, tam secundum leges ecclesiasticas, quam secundum consuetudines, se apposuerunt partes memoratæ. Præmissis igitur coram nobis recitatis, concordatis, approbatis et hincinde a partibus confessatis, nos, confessionem dictarum partium executi, ipsas partes, de expresso consensu earundem, ad observationem præmissorum sententia præcepti, auctoritate ordinaria, condemnamus, et executionem in præmissis, juxta juris ordinem, sub pœna excommunicationis majoris, quam exnunc proferimus in contravenientes, decernimus faciendam. In quorum omnium testimonium, huic scripturæ tripartitæ et indentatæ, parti penes nos remanenti, dicti domini Henricus, Thomas et Ricardus, sigilla sua apposuerunt. Parti vero remanenti penes dictos dominos Henricum et Thomam, sigillum nostrum, ac etiam sigillum domini Ricardi, sunt appensa. Tertiam vero partem, penes dictum dominum Ricardum remanentem, dicti domini Henricus, et Thomas sigillis suis, nosque sigillo nostro, duximus roborandum. A.D. 1312. f. 34 b.

Memorandum.— Quod secundo die Februarii, anno Domini millesimo cccmo. undecimo, constituit dominus fratrem Ricardum de Insula pœnitentiarium generalem, per totam diœcesim Dunelmensem. Appointment of the penitentiary of the diocese.

A.D. 1312. Indulgence for 40 days granted for the souls of Alan Colstan and Matilda his wife.

Memorandum.— Quod quarto die Februarii, anno Domini millesimo trecentesimo undecimo, concessit dominus xl. dies, pro animabus Alani Colstan, et Matildæ, consortis suæ, de Rypon'. An. Episc. 1.

Citation concerning a chantry in the church of Hartrepol.

Citatio super cantaria in ecclesia de Hartrepol.'

Ricardus, permissione divina, Dunolmensis episcopus, decano Dunolmensi, salutem. Cum notorie constet quod redditus altari Beatæ Mariæ, in capella de Hartrepol', assignati, adeo excreverunt, quod decenter sufficiunt ad unam cantariam perpetuam in dicto altari proinde ordinandam; volentes igitur, prout nobis ex suscepti regiminis incumbit officio, ecclesiis, quantum possumus, prospicere, ac cultum divinum ampliare, vobis mandamus, firmiter injungentes, quatenus in dicta capella de Hartrepol', aliquo die feriato vel solemni, proposito publico citationis edicto, faciatis publice proclamari, quod si qui sint, qui sua crediderint interesse, die Sabbati proxima post festum Sanctæ Scholasticæ virginis, in ecclesia Beati Nicholai, Dunolmi, coram nobis vel commissariis nostris legitime compareant, si quid pro se habeant quare cantariam perpetuam in dicto altari ordinare minime debeamus, per ipsos ad quos jus pertinet conferendam, vel ad eam præsentandam, cum fuerit ordinata, pro termino præciso et peremptorio, proposituri, et etiam ostensuri, facturi ulterius, quod secundum qualitatem et naturam negotii justitia suadebit. Et ad probationem proclamationis et citationis factarum, remittatis nobis, vel commissariis nostris, ad dictos diem et locum, præsentes sigillo vestro pendente signatas. Datum Dunolmi, v. kal. Februarii, anno Domini millesimo trecentesimo undecimo, et pontificatus nostri primo.

Appointment of receiver of the consistory.

Commissio. Pateat universis, per præsentes, quod nos, Ricardus, permissione divina, Dunelmensis episcopus, dilectum nobis in Christo Johannem, filium

An. Episc. 1. Nicholai de Esington', consistorii et curiæ nostræ deputamus receptorem. In cujus rei testimonium, has literas patentes ei fieri, etc. Datum Dunolmi, sexto die Februarii, anno Domini, etc. [M°.CCC^mo.] xj., et pontificatus nostri primo. A.D. 1312.

Inductio monialium de Halistan' in vicariam de Harbotyll'. Induction of the nuns of Haliston into the vicarage of Hirbotel.

Ricardus, permissione divina, Dunolmensis episcopus, dilecto in Christo filio, archidiacono Northumbriæ, vel ejus [locum] tenenti, salutem, etc. Quia, communicato cum jurisperitorum consilio, habitoque cum capitulo nostro Dunolmensi, in forma juris, diligenti et solemni tractatu, vicariam de Hirbotel' ecclesiæ de Halistan', pontificali auctoritate, de consensu dicti capituli nostri univimus et consolidavimus, necessitatique et indigentiæ monialium del Halistan, fraterno compatientes affectu, fructus ipsius vicariæ prædictis monialibus, in proprios usus, duximus concedendos; vobis mandamus, quatenus dictas moniales, earumve procuratorem, in corporalem possessionem ipsius vicariæ, sub testimonio præsentium, inducatis, et defendatis inductum debite, vice nostra. Datum Dunolmi, vij°. die Februarii, pontificatus nostri primo.

Commissio super ecclesia de Ellesden'. Commission relative to the church of Ellesden.

Ricardus, permissione divina, Dunolmensis episcopus, dilectis filiis, domino Galfrido de Haxeby, sacræ theologiæ doctori, et magistris Willelmo de Quicham, decano, præbendario ecclesiæ Langecestr', Adæ de Morpath', domini archidiaconi Dunolmensis officiali, et Johanni de Nassington', officialis nostri Dunolmensis commisario generali, salutem, gratiam et benedictionem. Ex parte domini Johannis de Heddelem, presbyteri, ad ecclesiam parochialem de Ellesden', nostræ diœcesis, curam habentem animarum, annexam, vacantem, ut dicitur, et ad præsentationem dominæ Elisabet, dudum comitissæ d'Anegous, ratione dotis suæ spectantem, ut asseritur, præsentati,

A.D. 1312. nobis fuerat humiliter supplicatum; ut, cum inquisitio super vacatione ipsius ecclesiæ, jure præsentandi, ac aliis articulis debitis et consuetis, prout moris est, facta, dicat, inter cætera, ipsam ecclesiam esse vacantem, ex eo quod dominus Thomas de Nevill', olim rector ejusdem, thesaurariam ecclesiæ Lichefeldensis, cum ecclesia f. 35. parochiali et curata de Sallowe, Lichefeldensis et Coventrensis diœcesis, necnon ecclesiam parochialem de Ayndreby, Eboracensis diœcesis, curam habentem animarum, annexam admisit, postquam in ipsa ecclesia de Ellesden rector fuerat institutus, eademque inquisitio pro ipso præsentato in omnibus facere videretur, ad eandem ecclesiam eum admittere, et rectorem instituere in eadem, ac in ipsius corporalem possessionem inducere, dignaremur. Nos, advertentes quod dictus dominus Thomas detentioni ejusdem ecclesiæ incumbit notorie, quem exinde, nulla citatione vel causæ cognitione præmissa, non possumus amovere; vobis, de quorum circumspectionis industria fiduciam gerimus specialem, in toto ipso negotio, et illud quomodolibet contingentibus, secundum formam retroactorum, coram aliis commissariis nostris habitorum, cum potestate cognoscendi, pronunciandi et declarandi, necnon cujuslibet coercionis canonicæ, committimus vices nostras, donec eas duxerimus revocandas. Quod si vos omnes hiis exsequendis non contigerit interesse, tres aut duo vestrum, qui præsentes fuerint, ea nihilominus exsequantur. Valete. Datum Dunolmi, xiiij°. die Februarii, anno Domini, etc. [M°.ccc^mo.] xj°., et pontificatus nostri primo. An. Episc. 1.

Grant of an oratory in the manor of Hoghton.

Concessio cantariæ dominæ Albredæ de Spring'.

Christi fidelibus universis, præsentes literas inspecturis, Ricardus, permissione divina, Dunolmensis episcopus, salutem. Quia debilibus et infirmis pie compatiendum, et favor est amplius exhibendus; et a nonnullis intellexerimus, quod domina Albreda, relicta domini Henrici Spring', militis, defuncti, tanta corporis adversa valetu-

An. Episc. 1. dine et ætate senili deprimitur, quod, absque gravi corporis periculo, in ecclesia sua parochiali congruo non valet tempore ecclesiasticis officiis interesse; nos, pietatis intuitu et hujus rei consideratione permoti, eidem dominæ Albredæ, quod in oratorio suo, infra manerium suum, in villa de Hoghton', et aliis locis infra diœcesim nostram, unum habeat capellanum singulis diebus, sibi dumtaxat, et familiæ suæ, divina celebrantem, ecclesiæ parochialis in omnibus jure salvo, liberam concedimus facultatem. In cujus rei testimonium, etc. Datum, etc, anno, etc. [M°.ccc^mo.] xj°. A.D. 1312.

Licentia adeundi scholas.

Licence to Robert de Lareye to go to the schools.

Ricardus, permissione divina, Dunelmensis episcopus, dilecto in Christo filio, Roberto de Lareye, subdiacono, rectori ecclesiæ de Winston', salutem, gratiam et benedictionem. Quum per viros literatos Dei consuevit ecclesia venustari, cupientibus in agro studii laborare, et adquirere scientiæ margaritam, favorem libenter et gratiam impertimur, laudabili igitur proposito tuo, quod ad morum et studii exercitationem habere te novimus, ut tibi per vitæ meritum, et aliis proficias per exemplum, pio concurrentes consensu, tuæque devotionis precibus favorabiliter inclinati, ut in loco, ubi Generale viget Studium, adusque festum Translationis Beati Thomæ Martyris proximo futuro, et inde in biennium revolutum, morari valeas, scholasticis disciplinis insistens, et interim ecclesiam tuam ad firmam possis dimittere, et ad personalem residentiam, vel superiorum ordinum susceptionem, minime tenearis, secundum formam constitutionis Bonifacii Octavi, gratiosam tibi, tenore præsentium, licentiam indulgemus. Proviso tamen, quod ecclesia tua debitis interim obsequiis, ac pauperes parochiani consuetis eleemosynis, minime[1] defraudentur, nec animarum cura negligatur aliquatenus in eadem. In cujus rei testimonium, præsentes literas

[1] *minime*] intime, MS.

A.D. 1312. tibi fieri, et nostro sigillo fecimus communiri. Datum Dunelmi, sexto-decimo die Februarii, anno Domini millesimo trecentesimo undecimo, et pontificatus nostri primo. An. Episc. 1.

Commission to the bishop of Whithern to admit to holy orders.

Commissio ad celebrandum ordines.

Venerabili in Christo patri, domino T., Candidæ Casæ episcopo, frater Ricardus, permissione divina, Dunelmensis episcopus, salutem, et fraternæ caritatis continuum incrementum. Quia, adversa gravati valetudine, ordines, hac die Sabbati, in prima hebdomada Quadragesimæ, in nostra, ut disposuimus, diœcesi non possumus celebrare, ad promovendum et ordinandum dilectos nobis magistros Ricardum de Hoton', et Edwardum de la Leyhe, in acolytos; magistrum Petrum de Fissheburn', in diaconum; magistrum Henricum de Botheby, in presbyterum; et alios beneficiatos et religiosos, nostræ diœcesis, ad minores ordines, seu majores, vobis, hac vice, committimus vices nostras. Bene et diu in Domino valeatis. Datum Dunelmi, xviij°. die Februarii, anno Domini, etc. [M°.ccc^mo.] undecimo, et pontificatus nostri primo.

Bull of Clement V. relative to the church of Gatesheved.

Bulla Johanni de Haveringges.

Clemens episcopus, servus servorum Dei, dilecto filio, Johanni de Haveringges, rectori ecclesiæ de Gatesheved, Dunelmensis diœcesis, salutem et apostolicam benedictionem. Tua et tuorum sincera devotio promeretur ut nos, personam tuam paterna benevolentia prosequentes, tibi simus in gratia liberales. Cum itaque parochialis ecclesia de Gatesheved, Dunelmensis diœcesis, per obitum quondam Johannis de Wallenis, rectoris ipsius, qui, ad sedem apostolicam veniendo, in loco vicino ipsi curiæ, infra duas legales dietas, diem clausit extremum, vacare noscatur; ac propter hoc, dicta ecclesia apud dictam sedem vacare, secundum constitutionem felicis recordationis Bonifacii papæ, viij., prædecessoris nostri, super hoc editam, censeatur; de qua nullus, præter nos, disponere potest, pro eo quod nos, dudum ante vacationem hujusmodi, ecclesias et

An. Episc. 1. beneficia ecclesiastica, tunc apud dictam sedem va- A.D. 1312.
cantia, et in antea vacatura, donationi apostolicæ duximus reservanda, decernendo extunc irritum et inane,
si secus super hoc a quoquam, quanvis auctoritate, f. 35 b.
scienter vel ignoranter, contingerit attentari. Nos, volentes tibi, præmissorum intuitu, et consideratione dilecti filii, nobilis viri, Johannis de Haveringes, militis, nobis pro te, nepote suo, in hac parte humiliter supplicantis, gratiam facere specialem, ecclesiam prædictam, cum suis juribus et pertinentiis, apostolica tibi auctoritate conferimus, et providemus de illa; decernentes exnunc, prout est, irritum et inane, si secus super hoc, a quoquam scienter vel ignoranter attentatum forsan est hactenus, vel contigerit inposterum attentari. Non obstantibus, si aliqui, super provisione sibi facienda, de ecclesiis et beneficiis ecclesiasticis, in illis partibus, generales aut speciales apostolicæ sedis, vel legatorum ejus, literas impetrarint, etiam si per eas ad inhibitionem, reservationem, decretum, vel alias quomodolibet, sit processum: quibus omnibus, in assecutione dictæ ecclesiæ, te volumus anteferri; sed nullum eis, quoad assecutionem aliorum ecclesiarum et beneficiorum, præjudicium generari, seu anteferri, si aliquibus ab eadem sit sede indultum, quod ad receptionem vel provisionem alicujus minime teneantur, et ad id compelli non possunt; quodque de ecclesiis et beneficiis ecclesiasticis, ad eorum collationem, vel aliam dispositionem, spectantibus, communiter vel divisim, cuiquam nequeat provideri per literas apostolicas, non facientes plenam et expressam, ac de verbo ad verbum, de indulto hujusmodi, mentionem, et qualibet alia præfatæ sedis indulgentia, generali vel speciali, cujuscunque tenoris existat, per quam, præsentibus non expressam, vel totaliter non insertam, effectus hujusmodi nostræ gratiæ impediri valeat quomodolibet, vel differri, et de qua cujuscunque toto tenore habenda sit in nostris literis mentio specialis; aut defectum quem pateris in ordinibus et ætate, cum in decimo octavo tuæ

A.D. 1312. ætatis anno, vel circa illum, existas, et tonsuram tantum habeas clericalem. Nulli ergo omnino hominum liceat hanc paginam nostræ collationis, provisionis et constitutionis, infringere, vel ei ausu temerario contraire. Si quis autem hoc attentare præsumpserit, indignationem omnipotentis Dei, et Beatorum Petri et Pauli, apostolorum ejus, se noverit incursurum. Datum Pictavii, viij. kal Augusti, pontificatus nostri anno secundo. An. Episc. 1.

Appointment of John Fitz Elys as proctor of the church of Gatesheved.

Procuratorium ejusdem. Pateat universis, per præsentes, quod ego, Johannes de Haverynges, rector ecclesiæ de Gatesheved, Dunelmensis diœcesis, in omnibus et singulis causis meis et negotiis, me vel ecclesiam meam antedictam qualitercumque tangentibus, motis vel movendis, coram quibuscunque judicibus, ordinariis, delegatis, et eorum commissariis, seu vocationem habentibus, quibuscumque diebus, locis, convocationbus generalibus, vel specialibus, capitulis, aut sanctis synodis, dilectum mihi in Christo, magistrum Johannem fiz Elys, rectorem ecclesiæ de Mayne Marcel, Sarisburiensis diœcesis, ordino, facio, et per præsentes constituo procuratorem; dans eidem potestatem specialem, et mandatum generale, nomine meo, et ecclesiæ meæ antedictæ, agendi, defendendi, ponendi, positionibus respondendi, appellandi tuitorie et directe, et causas appellationum prosequendi, jurandi de calumnia, et de veritate dicenda, ac quodlibet genus liciti sacramenti in animam meam præstandi, recipiendi et deferendi, status mei et ecclesiæ meæ reformationem et in integrum restitutionem, damna, expensas, necnon interesse petendi et recipiendi, dictamque ecclesiam meam ad firmam tradendi, prout de jure fieri potest, fructusque ejusdem et redditus, res, obventiones, et alia quæcumque mihi debita, petendi, recipiendi et remittendi, et de receptis acquietancias plenarias faciendi, paciscendi, componendi, transigendi, procuratores meos quoscunque, substitutosque ab eisdem, revocandi, aliumve procuratorem, loco

An. Episc. 1. sui, seu substitutos, substituendi, et eosdem revocandi, quotiens et quandocumque viderit expedire, et in se procuratoris officium reassumendi; ac etiam omnia alia et singula faciendi et exercendi, quæ ego facere possem, si præsens essem, etiam quandocunque mandatum exigant speciale, rem ratam haberi, inductum solvi pro eodem procuratore meo et substituto seu substitutis ab eodem, sub hypotheca rerum mearum, expono cautiones. In quorum testimonium, præsentibus literis sigillum meum apposui. Datum apud Putteworth', xix. kal. Februarii, anno Domini M°.ccc^mo. undecimo. A.D. 1312.

Memorandum.— Quod vicesimo die Februarii, anno Domini M°.ccc^mo. undecimo, concessit dominus xl. dies pro anima Willelmi de Hacunthop, et pro salubri statu Ceciliæ, quondam consortis dicti Willelmi. Memorandum of an indulgence granted for 40 days.

Memorandum. Quod eodem die mandavit dominus Willelmo de Brackenbiry et Johanni Daudrei, ut liberarent Roberto Gretheved quatuor quercus pro meremio. Memorandum of a grant of four oaks for timber.

Archidiacono Northumbriæ, quod utatur jurisdictione sua. Ricardus, permissione, etc., dilectis filiis, archidiacono Northumbriæ, seu ejus officiali, salutem, gratiam et benedictionem. Fruendi jurisdictione vestra in omnibus, sicut fieri consuevit, (correctionibus excessuum beneficiatorum, necnon militum, capellanorum, ac dominorum, et dominarum villarum, et venerabilium personarum; necnon inhabitantium villam Novi Castri, dumtaxat exceptis, quas certis ex causis nobis ipsis specialiter reservamus,) vobis et alteri vestrum liberam, tenore præsentium, concedimus facultatem; inhibitione super interdicto vobis, nostra visitatione pendente, exercitio interdictionis hujusmodi nuperrime vobis facta nullatenus obsistente. Valete. Datum, etc., xxiij. die Februarii, anno, etc. Grant of a faculty to the archdeacon of Northumberland, that he may exercise his jurisdiction.

A.D. 1312. f. 36. Order for an inquisition to be made concerning the defects of the church, &c., of St. Nicholas in Durham.

Inquisitio de defectibus ecclesiæ Beati Nicholai in Dunolmo.

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Ricardus, permissione divina, episcopus Dunolmensis, dilecto filio, officialis nostri Dunelmensis commissario generali, salutem, gratiam et benedictionem. Quum de defectibus cancellorum, librorum, vestimentorum, et aliorum ornamentorum ecclesiæ Beati Nicholai in Dunelmo; ac etiam domorum, prædiorum et rerum ad eandem ecclesiam pertinentium, certis de causis certiorari volentes, per vos super hiis decrevimus inquirendum; vobis committimus et mandamus, quatenus per viros fidedignos, tam clericos quam laicos, duodecim ad minus, rei notitiam habentes, die et loco, quos ad hoc duxeritis commodius statuendos, facta prius denunciatione domino Petro de Carnoto, nuper rectori ejusdem, vel suo procuratori, si eorum alter commode poterit inveniri, quod ipsis die et loco intersint, si sua viderint interesse; inquisitionem diligenter [et] fideliter faciatis, super omnibus et singulis defectibus hujusmodi; videlicet, qui defectus imminebant tempore quo dictus dominus Petrus eandem ecclesiam admisit; an aliquid recepit pro defectibus tunc imminentibus reparandis, et quantum; qui defectus imminebant, quando dictam ecclesiam ultimo tenuit, et qui imminent in præsenti; ac, de omnibus et singulis, ex quanto refici poterunt competenter. Qualiter autem, etc. Datum Dunolmi, vij. kal. Martii, anno gratiæ millesimo ccc^mo^. undecimo.

Bull of pope Clement V. in favour of John de Haverynge, nephew of John de Haveryng, rector of the church of Gatesheved.

Bulla executoribus Johannis de Haveryng.

Clemens episcopus, servus servorum Dei, venerabili fratri, archiepiscopo Eboracensi, et dilectis filiis, magistris Bernardo Roiardi, archidiacono Xanctonensi, et Hugoni Geraldi, canonico Lemovicensi, capellanis nostris, salutem et apostolicam benedictionem. Sincera devotio dilecti filii, Johannis de Haveringg', rectoris ecclesiæ de Gatesheved, Dunolmensis diœcesis, et suorum, promeretur ut nos personam suam paterna benevolentia pro-

An. Episc. 1. sequentes, sibi simus in gratia liberales. Cum itaque prædicta parochialis ecclesia, per obitum quondam J. de Vall', rectoris ipsius, qui, ad sedem Apostolicam veniendo, in loco vicino ipsius curiæ, infra duas legales diætas, diem clausit extremum, vacare noscatur, ac, propter hoc, dicta ecclesia apud dictam sedem vacare, secundum constitutionem felicis recordationis Bonifacii papæ VIII., prædecessoris nostri, super hoc editam, censeretur, de qua nullus præter nos disponere poterat; pro eo quod nos, dudum ante vacationem hujusmodi, ecclesias et beneficia ecclesiastica tunc apud dictam sedem vacantia, et in antea vacatura, donationi Apostolicæ duximus reservanda; decernendo extunc irritum et inane, si secus super hoc a quoquam, quavis auctoritate, scienter vel ignoranter, contingeret attentari:— Nos, volentes dicto Johanni, præmissorum intuitu et consideratione, dilecti filii nobilis viri Johannis de Haveringg', militis, nobis pro prædicto Johanne, nepote suo, in hac parte humiliter supplicantis, gratiam facere specialem, ecclesiam prædictam, cum suis juribus et pertinentiis, Apostolica sibi auctoritate contulimus, et de illa duximus providendum: decernentes extunc prout erat, irritum et irane, si secus super hoc a quoquam, scienter vel ignoranter, attentatum forsan esset hactenus, vel contigerit inposterum attentari; non obstantibus, si aliqui, super provisionem sibi faciendam de ecclesiis et beneficiis ecclesiasticis in illis partibus, generales aut speciales Apostolicæ sedis, vel legatorum ejus, litteras impetrarent, etiamsi per eas ad inhibitionem, reservationem, decretum, vel alias quomodolibet sit processum; quibus omnibus, in assecutione dictæ ecclesiæ, ipsum volumus anteferri; sed nullum eis, quoad assecutionem aliorum ecclesiarum et beneficiorum, præjudicium generari; seu si aliquibus ab eadem sit sede indultum, quod ad receptionem vel provisionem alicujus minime tenentur, revertentur, et ad id compelli non possint, quodque de ecclesiis et beneficiis A.D. 1312.

A.D. 1312. ecclesiasticis ad eorum collationem vel aliam dispo- An. Episc. 1.
sitionem spectantibus, communiter vel divisim, cuiquam nequeat provideri per literas dictæ sedis non facientes plenam et expressam, ac de verbo ad verbum, de indulto hujusmodi mentionem; et qualibet alia præfatæ sedis indulgentia, generali vel speciali, cujuscumque tenoris existeret, per quam, nostris literis non expressam, vel totaliter non insertam, effectus hujusmodi gratiæ impediri valeat quomodolibet, vel differri, et de qua cujusque toto tenore habenda sit in eisdem nostris literis mentio specialis; aut defectu quem idem Johannes patitur in ordinibus et ætate, cum in decimo octavo suæ ætatis anno, vel circa illum, existat, et tonsuram tantum habet clericalem. Quocirca vestræ discretioni, per Apostolica scripta, mandamus quatenus vos, vel duo aut unus vestrum, per vos vel alium, seu alios, eundem Johannem, vel procuratorem suum ejus nomine, in corporalem possessionem dictæ ecclesiæ, jurium et pertinentiarum prædictarum, inducatis, auctoritate nostra, et defendatis inductum, amoto exinde quolibet detentore; facientes sibi de ipsius ecclesiæ fructibus, redditibus, proventibus, juribus et obventionibus universis, integre respondere, non obstantibus omnibus supradictis, seu si aliquibus ab eadem sede indultum existat, quod excommunicari, suspendi, vel interdici non possint per literas Apostolicas non facientes plenam et expressam, ac de verbo ad verbum, de indulto hujusmodi mentionem; contradictores per censuram ecclesiasticam, appellatione postposita, compescendo. Datum Pictavii, viij. kal. Augusti, pontificatus nostri anno secundo.

f. 36 b. The business of John de Havering, mentioned in the last instrument, to be forwarded.

Prosecutio negotii domini Johannis de Havering'.

Venerabili in Christo patri et domino, domino episcopo Dunelmensi, ac omnibus aliis quos præsens negotium tangit, seu potest tangere in futurum, Bernardus Roiardi, archidiaconus Xanctonensis, executor ad infra scripta, una

An. Episc. 1. cum venerabili fratre, domino archiepiscopo Eboracensi, A.D. 1312.
cum illa clausula, "Vos aut duo, aut unus vestrum," a sede Apostolica specialiter deputatus, salutem in Domino, et mandatis Apostolicis firmiter obedire. Noveritis nos literas Apostolicas gratiosas, cum vera bulla plumbea, filo serico, et alias executorias, cum filo cannabis, bullatas, non vitiatas, non corruptas, non cancellatas, omni suspicione carentes, super gratia per sanctissimum patrem et dominum, dominum Clementem papam V., facta discreto viro Johanni de Haveryng', clerico, de ecclesia parochiali de Gatesheved, diœcesis Dunelmensis, ipsius domini papæ, nobis per discretum virum, magistrum R. Pyrot', procuratorem, ut asserebat, dicti Johannis de Haveryng', rectoris dictæ ecclesiæ, Dunelmensis diœcesis, præsentatas, ex parte et nomine dicti Johannis, cum reverentia, qua decuit, recepisse, ipsasque legi fecisse per publicum notarium infrascriptum. Quarum primæ sic incipiunt;—"Cle-
" mens[1] episcopus, servus servorum Dei, dilecto filio,
" Johanni de Haveryng', rectori ecclesiæ de Gates-
" heved, salutem, et apostolicam benedictionem. Tua
" et tuorum sincera devotio, etc." Et sic finiunt;—
" Datum Pictavii, viij. kal Augusti, pontificatus nostri
" anno secundo." Aliæ vero executoriæ sic incipiunt;—
" [2] Clemens episcopus, servus servorum Dei, venerabili
" fratri, archiepiscopo Eboracensi, et dilectis filiis, ma-
" gistris Bernardo Roiardi, archidiacono Xanctonensi,
" et Hugoni Geraldi, canonico Lemovycensi, capellanis
" nostris, salutem et apostolicam benedictionem, etc."
Et sic finiunt;—"Datum Pyctavii, viij. kal. Augusti,
" pontificatus nostri anno secundo."—Qui quidem procurator, post hujusmodi literarum præsentationem, nos, nomine dicti Johannis, cum instantia requisivit, ut circa mandati hujusmodi Apostolici executionem procedere deberemus. Nos, igitur, tanquam obedientiæ filius, volentes, ut tenemur, mandatis Apostolicis humiliter

[1] See p. 140. | [2] See p. 144.

A.D. 1312. obedire, præfatum magistrum R., procuratorio nomine dicti Johannis, et pro ipso, ac, per dictum R., eundem Johannem, per birretum nostrum, de dicta ecclesia, et ejus juribus et pertinentiis, præsentialiter investimus, et in possessionem inducimus, in quantum possumus, eorundem; vos, dominum episcopum, cum reverentia, cum qua decet, necnon et vicarium, seu vicarios nostros, et nostras vices gerentes, et omnes alios, quos præsens negotium tangit, vel tangere potest, requirimus et amonemus, primo, secundo et tertio monitionis edicto, peremptorie, auctoritate Apostolica, qua fungimur in hac parte, vobisque præcipimus et mandamus, in virtute sanctæ obedientiæ, et sub excommunicationis pœna firmiter injungentes, quatenus infra sex dies, a præsentatione præsentium vobis facta, immediate sequentes, quorum duos pro primo, duos pro secundo, et reliquos vobis duos, et vestrum singulis, et omnibus aliis quorum interest, pro tertio peremptorie termino assignamus; eundem Johannem, vel procuratorem suum ejus nomine, ad ecclesiam, et jura et pertinentias ipsius, sine difficultate qualibet, recipiatis et admittatis; permittentes ipsum pacifica illius possessione gaudere, amoventes exinde quemlibet detentorem, quem nos etiam amovemus, et, auctoritate prædicta, denunciamus amotos; sibique de ipsius beneficii fructibus, proventibus, juribus et obventionibus universis, prout ad nos pertinet, integre respondere curetis, et faciatis ab aliis responderi; inhibentes nihilominus, et interdicentes, vobis, domino episcopo, et omnibus aliis quorum interest, ne prædictam ecclesiam, per dictum dominum papam dicto Johanni collatam, cuique alteri conferatis, vel ad ipsam quemvis alium admittatis, seu etiam præsentetis. Nos enim quicquid contra præmissa, vel eorum aliquid, a quoquam attentatum extitit, vel in futuro contigerit attentari, irritum decernimus, et inane, licet per dictum dominum papam irritum sit decretum, quod si præmissa adimpleveritis, vel aliquid in contrarium feceritis, aut mandatis nostris hujusmodi non parueritis, An. Episc 1.

An. Episc. 1. cum effectu, vobis, domino episcopo, cum reverentia qua decet, ingressum ecclesiæ interdicimus; quod si dictum interdictum per sex dies animo sustinueritis indurato, extunc vos suspendimus a divinis; et si dictam suspensionem per alios sex dies immediate sequentes sustinueritis, quod non credimus, vos extunc excommunicationis sententia innodamus in scriptis. In omnes vero alios contradictores et rebelles, aut impedientes ipsum Johannem, vel suum procuratorem, vel dantes ad id consilium, auxilium et favorem, publice et occulte, necnon in conferentes, recipientes, et occupantes, dictam ecclesiam, aut jura ipsius, in prædicti Johannis præjudicium, exnunc, prout extunc, in hiis scriptis sententialiter, sex dierum, præterquam ad eos de præmissis notitia pervenerit, peremptorie monitione præmissa, excommunicationis sententiam promulgamus; monemus, insuper et moneri, auctoritate nobis commissa, mandamus, primo, secundo, et tertio peremptorie, omnes parochiales et subditos dictæ ecclesiæ, et alios omnes, qui rectori dictæ ecclesiæ in aliquo tenentur, ut dictum Johannem in suum dictæ ecclesiæ rectorem, sine qualibet difficultate, recipiant, et sibi, et nulli alii obediant, ut rectori; sibique, vel ejus procuratori, respondeant de fructibus dictæ ecclesiæ, ac decimis denariis, et juribus et pertinentiis universis, quatenus ad eos et eorum quemlibet noscitur pertinere; nullumque alium in dictæ ecclesiæ rectorem recipiant, nec ei respondeant vel obediant, ut rectori. Quod si secus fecerint, nos in eos, et eorum quemlibet non parentes nostris monitionibus et mandatis, excommunicationis sententiam proferimus in scriptis; et si omnes, aut major pars eorum, rebelles aut contradictores extiterint, nos dictam ecclesiam, usque ad satisfactionem condignam eorum, ecclesiastico supponimus interdicto, absolutione omnium et singulorum, qui præfatas sententias, vel eorum aliquam, incurrerint, nobis et superiori nostro tantummodo reservata. Præfatas quoque literas Apostolicas, et hunc nostrum A.D. 1312.

A.D. 1312. f. 37. processum, postquam eos videritis, et ipsorum copiam, si volueritis, quam fieri volumus, nostris tamen sumptibus et mandatis, eorum latori, eadem pœna et monitione præmissa, integras et illæsas restitui volumus et mandamus; contrarium vero facientes præfatis sententiis, per nos latis, ipso facto volumus subjicere. Cæterum cum ad executionem hujusmodi ulterius faciendam, cui ad præsens intendere non possumus, pluribus aliis diversis negotiis occupati, discretis viris, domino Johanni de Sandale, cancellario ecclesiæ Dublynensis, magistro Willelmo de Beverlaco, canonico ecclesiæ de Bentrice, et domino Heliæ, canonico ecclesiæ supradictæ, et cuilibet eorum insolidum, ita quod [quod] unus inchoat per alium valeat consummari, super executione prædicti mandati Apostolici, et nostri, tenore præsentium, committimus vices nostras, donec eas ad nos duxerimus revocandas, in virtute sanctæ obedientiæ, hac sub excommunicationis pœna, quam in ipsos et ipsorum quemlibet pro dicta monitione præmissa fecimus in hiis scriptis, si ea, quæ in hac parte eis committimus, neglexerint seu contempserint contumaciter adimplere; districte præcipiendo mandamus, quatenus ipsi, et ipsorum quilibet, qui a prædicto Johanne, vel ejus procuratore ejus nomine, fuerint requisiti, vel requisitus, ad vos, ubicunque fueritis, et ad alios, et ad dictam ecclesiam se personaliter conferant, et supradictas monitiones, præcepta, sententias et processus, et omnia alia quæ ipsis expedire videbitis, vobis et cuilibet vestrum, conjunctim vel divisim, et aliis, quorum interest, vel poterit interesse, in præfata civitate et diœcesi Dunolmensi, et ad dictam ecclesiam de Gatesheved, et alibi, ubi expediens fuerit, denuncietis, legatis et publicetis, Johannem, vel procuratorem suum pro ipso, in eadem ecclesia, per dictum dominum papam eidem Johanni collata; faciendo recipi et admitti, et auctoritate nostra, necnon verius Apostolica, ac ipsum, vel procuratorem ipsius pro eo, in corporalem possessionem ecclesiæ supradictæ inducendo, et defendendo

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An. Episc. 1. inductum; et nihilominus omnia et singula nobis in hac parte commissa, prout, et quando, expediens fuerit, plenarie exequantur, contradicentes, et rebelles, auctoritate nostra, per censuram ecclesiasticam compescendo. Ita tamen, quod nihil in ejusdem Johannis præjudicium innovare valeant, vel mutare, in processibus per nos habitis, et sententiis per nos latis; in illis enim quæ dicto Johanni nocere possent, eisdem subdelegatis et quibuslibet aliis, delegatis et quibuslibet aliis, potestatem denegamus omnimodam; pro processu autem hujusmodi nolumus nec intendimus nostris præjudicare collegis, quominus ipsi, vel eorum alter, servato tamen hoc nostro processu, per se, vel alium, seu alios, possint in hujusmodi negotio, sicut eis, vel cuilibet eorum, videbitur expedire. In quorum omnium testimonium, nos, præfatus executor, præsentes literas, instrumentum, seu processum, per Thomasium de Spoleto, publicum, imperial iauctoritate, notarium, et nostrum scribam, mandavimus publicari, et nostri sigilli appositione fecimus communiri. Datum, etc. A.D. 1312.

Licentia dimittendi ecclesiam ad firmam.

Licence to let to farm the church of Wollouere.

Ricardus, permissione divina, etc., dilecto filio, magistro Henrico de Luceby, rectori ecclesiæ de Wollouere, nostræ diœcesis, salutem, gratiam et benedictionem. Experientia facti et oculata fide manifestius attendentes, partes Northumbriæ, in quibus dicta consistit ecclesia, per guerras et deprædationes, ac captivitates ibi degentium, et ecclesiarum pariter et domorum incendia, quorum vestigia restant, relinqui desolata, moramque ibidem esse minus tutam; necnon quod circa nostra et ecclesiæ nostræ, ac aliorum quibus teneris, atque tua negotia occupari te oportebit; tibi ad dimittendum dictam ecclesiam tuam ad firmam, fructusque et proventus ejusdem, prout expedire videbitur, vendendi et dimittendi, per biennium, a festo Sancti Michaelis proxime futuro; et quod interim ad residentiam ibidem faciendam mi-

A.D. 1312. nime tenearis, dum tamen animarum cura in eadem minime negligatur, et debitis obsequiis non defraudetur, tibi, tenore præsentium, licentiam concedimus, et liberam facultatem. In cujus rei testimonium, has literas nostras, etc. Datum, etc., xxij°. die Februarii. An. Episc. 1.

Appointment of John de Pollowe as sequestrator in the city and diocese of Durham.

Commissio sequestratoris.

Ricardus, permissione, etc., dilecto filio, Johanni de Pollowe, salutem, gratiam et benedictionem. De tuæ fidelitatis et discretionis industria circumspecta specialem in Domino fiduciam obtinentes, te sequestratorem nostrum generalem in civitate et diœcesi Dunelmensi ordinamus, et facimus, per præsentes; dantes tibi potestatem sequestrandi, sequestra interposita relaxandi, et de hiis, quæ sequestrum, tam de jure, quam de consuetudine, contingunt, inquirendi, ac omnia et singula, quæ ad sequestratoris officium spectare noscuntur, faciendi et exequendi, cum canonicæ coercionis potestate, donec eam duxerimus revocandam. Datum Dunelmi, xxvij°. die Februarii, anno Domini M°.ccc^mo. undecimo, et pontificatus nostri primo.

Appointment of Robert de Pykering as archdeacon of Northumberland, void by the death of Nicholas de Welles.

Collatio archidiaconatus Northumbriæ.

Ricardus, permissione divina, etc., dilecto in Christo filio, magistro Roberto de Pykering', juris civilis professori, salutem, cum benedictione et gratia Salvatoris. Eximia probitatis merita, morum honestas, laudabilis conversatio, et peritia literarum, quibus personam tuam divina clementia multifarie decoravit, devotionisque sinceritas, quam erga ecclesiam nostram et nos continuis temporibus habuisti, efficaciter nos inducunt, ut tibi, ad id quod honoris tui et promotionis augmentum respicere poterit, favorabiliter inclinemur. Tibi igitur, fili carissime, archidiaconatum Northumbriæ, per mortem magistri Nicholai de Welles, nuper archidiaconi ejusdem, vacantem, et ad nostram collationem, pleno jure, spectantem, cum suis juribus, jurisdictionibus, pro-

An. Episc. 1. ventibus, et obventionibus universis, tibi conferimus, intuitu caritatis, teque de eisdem per has literas nostras investimus. In cujus rei testimonium, has literas tibi fieri, et nostro sigillo fecimus communiri. Datum Dunelmi, quarto die Martii, anno Domini millesimo trecentesimo undecimo, et pontificatus nostri primo. A.D. 1312. f. 37 b.

Memorandum.— Quod, secundo die Martii, reportavit magister Johannes de Snaynton', de curia Romana, literas infra nominatas, signatas sigillo domini episcopi, easque, apud Dunelmum, eidem domino retradidit cancellandas. Unam, videlicet, in qua dominus fatebatur se teneri et obligari domino papæ in mille florenis aureis. Item, aliam consimilem, de duobus millibus florenorum. Item, unam literam ad contrahendum mutuum cum mercatoribus de societate Perucheorum de Florentia usque ad summam mille librarum sterlingorum. Item, aliam consimilem et de consimili summa, ad contrahendum mutuum cum quibuscunque mercatoribus. Item, tria procuratoria facta magistro Reginaldo de Sancto Albano, et dicto magistro Johanni, ad excusandum dictum dominum episcopum in concilio. Item, unam literam de annua pensione viginti marcarum, concessa domino Arnaldo, Pictavensi episcopo. Item, aliam de alia pensione triginta marcarum concessa eidem. Item, unam literam de annua pensione decem librarum concessa magistro Reymundo Fabri. Item, duas literas signatas sigillis capituli et episcopi, quarum quælibet erat de duobus millibus marcarum. Et unam literam de quinque millibus florenorum dimisit in curia. Et unam literam annuæ pensionis quadraginta marcarum, quam habet dominus Raymundus, Sanctæ Mariæ Novæ diaconus cardinalis. Memorandum that John de Snaynton restored to the bishop at Durham certain letters, bonds, and grants, to be cancelled.

Memorandum.— Quod, vj. die mensis Martii, anno Domini millesimo ccc^mo. undecimo, assignavit dominus episcopus dominum Reginaldum de Barneby, Memorandum that Reginald de Barneby, a monk of Durham, is

A.D. 1312. appointed the bishop's penitentiary in the city and diocese of Durham.

monasterii Dunelmensis, pœnitentiarium suum in civitate et diœcesi Dunolmensi. An. Episc. 1.

Licence to demise the church of Wollouere for two years.

Licentia dimittendi ecclesiam ad firmam.

[1] Ricardus, permissione, divina, Dunolmensis episcopus, dilecto filio, magistro Henrico de Luceby, rectori ecclesiæ de Wollouere, nostræ diœcesis, salutem, gratiam et benedictionem. Experientia facti et oculata fide manifestius attendentes, partes Northumbriæ, in quibus dicta consistit ecclesia, per guerras et deprædationes, ac captivitates ibi degentium, et ecclesiarum pariter et domorum incendia, quorum vestigia restant, relinqui desolata moramque ibidem esse minus tutam; necnon quod circa nostra et ecclesiæ nostræ, ac aliorum, quibus teneris, atque tua negotia occupari te oportebit, tibi ad dimittendum dictam ecclesiam tuam ad firmam, fructusque et proventus ejusdem, prout expedire videbitur, vendendi et dimittendi, per biennium, a festo Sancti Michaelis, proxime futuro, et quod interim ad residentiam ibidem faciendam minime tenearis, dum tamen animarum cura in eadem minime negligatur, et debitis obsequiis non defraudetur, tibi, tenore præsentium, licentiam concedimus, et liberam facultatem. In cujus rei testimonium, has literas nostras patentes eidem fieri, et nostro sigillo fecimus communiri. Datum, etc., xxij°. die Februarii, anno, etc. [M°.CCC^mo.] xj°.

Licence to John de Oreby to be absent from his rectory of Wermuth to prosecute his own affairs.

Licentia absentiæ ad prosequendum negotia sua.

Ricardus, permissione divina, etc., dilecto in Christo filio, domino Johanni de Oreby, rectori ecclesiæ de Wermuth,' salutem, etc. Sicut in nostra proposuisti præsentia, personaliter constitutus, pro magnis et arduis tuis, et tuorum, negotiis promovendis efficacius, quæ, sine tua præsentia, non poterunt congrue dirigi, et, ut opportune expediri, in partibus australibus, usquequo

[1] Repeated from page 151 ante.

An. Episc. 1. finaliter terminentur, te quasi necessario agere oportebit, super quo nostram humiliter requisistis licentiam, eo quod, sine nostra benevolentia et consensu, id nullatenus facere concepistis, etiamsi jacturam ex hoc et gravia debeas dispendia, sustinere: nolentes igitur, per tuam absentiam, tua turbari seu tardari negotia, quæ cupimus, ex corde, per omnia prosperari, tuam, ex causis præmissis, habentes latius absentiam excusatam, prosequendi præmissa negotia usque in quindenam Paschæ, anno Domini millesimo trecentesimo tertiodecimo, licentiam tibi concedimus specialem; proviso tamen, quod ecclesiæ tuæ prædictæ interim in divinis facias congrue deserviri, et animarum cura in eadem parochia nullatenus negligatur. Valete. Datum, etc., secundo die Martii, anno, etc. [M°.CCC^mo.] xj°. A.D. 1312.

Licentiam adeundi scholas. Licence to attend the Schools.

Ricardus, permissione divina, Dunelmensis episcopus, dilecto in Christo filio, Roberto de Lareye, subdiacono, rectori ecclesiæ de Winston', salutem, gratiam et benedictionem. Quum per viros literatos Dei consuevit ecclesia venustari, cupientibus in agro studii, laborare, et adquirere scientiæ margaritam, favorem libenter, et gratiam, impertimur: laudabili igitur proposito tuo, quod ad morum et studii exercitationem habere te novimus, ut tibi per vitæ meritum, et aliis proficias per exemplum, pio concurrentes consensu, tuisque supplicationibus favorabiliter inclinati, ut in loco ubi Generale viget Studium, adusque festum Translationis Beati Thomæ Martyris proximo futurum, et inde, in biennium revolutum, morari valeas, scholasticis disciplinis insistens, et interim ecclesiam tuam ad firmam possis dimittere et ad personalem residentiam, vel superiorum ordinum susceptionem, minime tenearis, secundum formam constitutionis Bonifacii Octavi, gratiosam tibi, tenore præsentium, licentiam indulgemus; proviso tamen quod ecclesia tua debitis interim obsequiis, ac pauperes

A.D. 1312. parochiani consuetis eleemosynis, minime defraudentur, nec animarum cura negligatur aliquatenus in eadem. In cujus rei testimonium, præsentes literas tibi fieri, et nostro sigillo fecimus communiri. Datum Dunelmi, xvj°. die Februarii, anno Domini, etc. [M°.CCC^mo.] xj°., et pontificatus nostri primo. An. Episc. 1.

f. 38. Appointment of William de Pykeryng and Richard de Pykeryng as the proctors of Robert de Pykeryng, archdeacon of Northumberland.

Procuratorium domini Roberti de Pykering', de archidiaconatu Northumbriæ.

Universis pateat per præsentes, quod nos, Robertus de Pykeryng', archidiaconus Northumbriæ, ad prosequendum inductionem nostram in archidiaconatum Northumbriæ, et ad recipiendum possessionem ejusdem archidiaconatus pro nobis, et nomine nostro, cum suis appendiciis, juribus, et pertinentiis universis, necnon ad administrandum et disponendum de eisdem, prout nostræ voluntati viderint expedire, dilectos, nobis in Christo, dominum Willelmum de Pykeryng', rectorem ecclesiæ de Haukesword, Eboracensis diœcesis, et Ricardum de Pykeryngg', clericum, et eorum alterum pro se, ita quod non sit melior conditio occupantis, sed quod unus inceperit, alter prosequi poterit et finire, nostros veros et legitimos ordinamus, facimus et constituimus, procuratores; ratum habentes, et firmum, quicquid iidem procuratores, vel eorum alter, nomine nostro, fecerint, aut fecerit, in præmissis. Præsens autem procuratorium per Johannem de Ringburgh', dictum de Scardeburgh', clericum, publicumque notarium, mandavimus scribi, et in publicam formam redigi, ac sigilli nostri impressione fecimus communiri. Datum et actum in manerio nostro apud Eboracum, die octava mensis Martii, anno Domini, etc. [M°.CCC^mo.] xj., Indictione decima, præsentibus, Johanne dicto Le Longe, et Willelmo de Alverstan, clericis, testibus ad præmissa vocatis specialiter et rogatis.

Mandate for the induction of Robert de

Inductio ejusdem.

Ricardus, permissione divina, etc., dilectis in Christo filiis, dominis abbati et priori de

An. Episc. 1. Alnewyk', salutem, gratiam et benedictionem. Quia discreto viro, et dilecto clerico nostro, magistro Roberto de Pykeryng', juris civilis professori, archidiaconatum Northumbriæ, cum suis juribus, proventibus et obventionibus universis, contulimus, intuitu caritatis, vobis, et cuilibet vestrum, quem præsens mandatum recipere contigerit, injungimus et mandamus, quatenus prædictum magistrum Robertum, seu procuratorem ipsius, in corporalem possessionem ipsius archidiaconatus, cum suis juribus, ut præmittitur, sub testimonio præsentium, inducatis, et inductum, vice nostra, debite defendatis. Valete. Datum apud Kypier, x°. die Martii, anno Domini, etc. [M°.CCC^mo.] xj°., et pontificatus nostri primo.

A.D. 1312. Pykeryng to the archdeaconry of Northumberland.

Institutio vicarii de Norton', ad præsentationem domini regis.

Ricardus, permissione divina, etc., magistro Willelmo de Langeley, domini Bernardi de Kyrkeby,[1] capellani serenissimi principis et domini nostri, domini Edwardi, Dei gratia, regis Angliæ illustris, procuratori, salutem, gratiam et benedictionem. Ad vicariam ecclesiæ de Norton', nostræ diœcesis, dictum dominum tuum Bernardum, per præfatum serenissimum principem et dominum nostrum, dominum Edwardum, Dei gratia, regem Angliæ illustrem, nobis præsentatum, in persona tua, salvo jure cujuslibet, quantum ad nos pertinet, admittimus ad eandem; quicquid juris fuerit, ulterius, cum debitum nobis in hoc casu præstiterit juramentum, nos exhibere velle et facere protestantes. In cujus rei testimonium, præsentes literas tibi fieri, et nostro sigillo fecimus communiri. Datum apud Kypyer, decimo die Martii, anno Domini millesimo trecentesimo undecimo, et pontificatus nostri primo.

Institution of Bernard de Kyrkeby to the vicarage of Norton, on the presentation of the king.

[1] On the Patent Roll, 5 Edw. 2, p. 2, m. 20, there is a notification that Bernard de Kirkeby was presented by the king to the vicarage of Norton, by reason of the vacancy of the see of Durham.

A.D. 1312. Commission to sequestrate the vicarage of Norton.

Commissio sequestri.

Ricardus, permissione divina, Dunelmensis episcopus, dilecto in Christo, Willelmo de Langeley, procuratori discreti viri, domini Bernardi de Kyrkeby, ad vicariam ecclesiæ de Norton', nostræ diœcesis, per serenissimum principem et dominum nostrum, dominum Edwardum, Dei gratia, regem Angliæ illustrem, nobis canonice præsentati, salutem, gratiam et benedictionem. Certis de causis excitati, custodiam sequestri omnium fructuum et obventionum vicariæ prædictæ, a die datæ præsentium, qualitercunque provenientium, usque ad quindenam Paschæ proxime jam instantis, tibi, nomine domini tui prædicti, et sibi, in persona tua, committimus per præsentes. Datum apud Kypyer, x°. die Martii, anno Domini, etc. [M°.ccc^mo.] undecimo, et pontificatus nostri primo. An. Episc. 1.

Inquisition to be taken as to the right of patronage to the vicarage of Norton.

Inquisitio ejusdem.

Ricardus, permissione divina, Dunolmensis episcopus, dilecto filio suo, archidiacono Dunelmensi, vel ejus locum-tenenti, salutem, gratiam et benedictionem. Præsentavit nobis serenissimus princeps et dominus noster, dominus Edwardus, Dei gratia, rex Angliæ illustris, dominum Bernardum de Kyrkeby, clericum suum, ad vicariam de Norton', vacantem, et ad suam donationem spectantem, ut dicit. Quocirca, vobis mandamus quatenus, non expectato loci capitulo, per rectores, vicarios et capellanos, vicinos, ad hoc specialiter convocatos, diligenter inquiratis, an dicta vicaria vacet, et a quo tempore vacavit, et qualiter; quis sit verus patronus ejusdem, quis ad eam, tempore pacis, ultimo præsentavit; quis sit in possessione præsentandi; quantum valeat per annum; an sit pensionaria, et cui, et in quantum; an sit litigiosa, et inter quos, et qua occasione; de conditionibus etiam præsentati ad eandem, an sit idoneus, et in quibus ordinibus constitutus; an sit alibi beneficiatus, de uno vel de pluribus beneficiis ecclesiasticis, cum cura vel sine, et aliis articulis in casu consimili debitis et consuetis; et

An. Episc. 1. quid per hujusmodi inquisitionem inveneritis, per vestras literas, sub vestro et sigillis eorum, per quos facta fuerit inquisitio, nobis sine mora constare dilucide faciatis. Valete. Datum Dunolmi, v°. die Martii, anno Domini, etc. [M°.CCC^mo.] xj°., et pontificatus nostri primo. A.D. 1312.

Commissio estaurii. Appointment of John de Aldewode as store keeper and chief warden of the bishop's horses, cows, &c.

Pateat universis per præsentes, quod nos, Ricardus, permissione divina, Dunolmensis episcopus, dilectum et fidelem nostrum, Johannem de Aldewode, nostrum estaurarium et superiorem custodem de equitio nostro, vaccariis et bercariis, infra Tyne et Teyse existentibus, et omnibus ad ea quocunque modo pertinentibus, seu spectantibus, constituimus et assignamus, facimus et deputamus, omnibus et singulis equitii, vaccariarum et bercariarum custodibus et ministris; mandantes et arctius injungentes, quod dicto Johanni, tanquam nostro estaurario et superiori custodi equitii, vaccariarum et bercariarum prædictarum, pareant et intendant. In cujus rei testimonium, supradicto Johanni præsentes literas fieri fecimus, quamdiu nobis placuerit duraturas. Datum, etc., xv°. die Martii, anno Domini, etc. [M°.CCC^mo.] xj°., et pontificatus nostri primo.

Collatio præbendæ de Langcestr'. Collation of Richard de Eryum to the prebend of Heleye, in the collegiate church of Langcestre.

Ricardus, permissione divina, Dunelmensis episcopus, dilecto in Christo clerico, magistro Ricardo de Eryum, salutem, gratiam et benedictionem. Honestas morum, conversatio vitæ laudabilis, et multiplicita tuarum dona virtutum, familiariter nobis nota, sic nobis personam tuam placidam exhibent, et acceptam, quod illam meritis libenter favoribus accolimus, et beneficiis honoramus. Hinc est, quod canonicatum et præbendam de Heleye, in ecclesia collegiata de Langcestr', vacantem, et ad nostram collationem pleno jure spectantem, tibi conferimus, intuitu caritatis, teque de eisdem corporaliter investimus. In cujus rei, etc. Datum, etc., xvj°. die Martii, anno Domini M°.CCC^mo. undecimo, et pontificatus nostri primo.

A.D. 1312. Memorandum that the archdeacon is to give possession of the said prebend.

Memorandum.— Quod mandatum fuit archidiacono, vel ejus officiali, ut ipsum in possessionem induceret corporalem, et defenderet inductum. An. Episc. 1.

f. 38 b. Sequestration of the vicarage of Norton to be made, and the fruits thereof committed to the custody of John de Pollowe and William de Langeleye.

Custodia sequestri et etiam ad sequestrandum. Ricardus, permissione divina, etc., dilectis sibi in Christo, Johanni de Pollowe, et Willelmo de Langeleye, clericis, salutem, gratiam et benedictionem. Cum nuper omnes fructus et proventus vicariæ ecclesiæ de Norton', nostræ diœcesis, a tempore mortis domini Johannis de Barneburgh', dudum ejusdem ecclesiæ vicarii, per quoscunque perceptos, certis de causis duxerimus sequestrandos; volentes de fructibus et proventibus hujusmodi certiorari, certis rationibus excitati, vobis ad inquirendum, per viros fidedignos, per quos rei veritas magis sciri poterit, de fructibus et proventibus prædictis, et valore eorundem, et ad quorum manus devenerint, et ubi, et in quorum manibus jam consistant; et ad fructus et proventus hujusmodi iterato ex abundanti sequestrandum, et sub sequestro custodiendum, committimus vices nostras, cum coercionis canonicæ potestate. De hiis quidem, quæ inveneritis et feceritis in præmissis, et circa ea, nos distincte, et aperte reddatis per vestras literas certiores, citra festum Annunciationis Dominicæ, proximo jam venturum. Datum apud Kypier, x°. die Martii, anno Domini, etc. [M°.ccc^mo.] xj°., et pontificatus nostri, primo.

Removal of the interdict on the chapels of Taunfeld and Lamesley.

Relaxatio interdicti capellarum. Ricardus, permissione divina, etc., capellanis capellarum de Taunfeld' et Lamesley, salutem, etc. Quia interdictum in dictis capellis et oratoriis dictarum villarum, auctoritate nostra, nuper interpositum, occasione procurationis debitæ ratione reconciliationis ecclesiæ de Cestr', nuper sanguinis effusione pollutæ, cui dictæ capellæ sunt annexæ, certis de causis duximus relaxandum; vobis mandamus, quatenus interdictum hujusmodi sic relaxatum esse, in dictis capellis et oratoriis publice nuncietis. Datum, etc.,

An. Episc. 1. xiij°. die Martii, anno Domini, etc. [M°.ccc^mo.] xj°., et pontificatus nostri primo. A.D. 1312.

Commissio ad inquirendum de vastis novis appropriatis.

A commission of inquiry as to the approvement of waste lands in the parishes of Chester, Langcestre, and Auckland.

Ricardus, permissione divina, Dunelmensis episcopus, dilectis sibi, in Christo, magistro Henrico de Luceby, rectori ecclesiæ de Wollouere, nostræ diœcesis, et magistro Willelmo de Kellawe, salutem, gratiam et benedictionem. De vestræ circumspectionis industria, fidelitate et prudentia gerentes in Domino fiduciam pleniorem, ad inquirendum, per viros fidedignos, tam clericos, quam laicos, per quos rei veritas melius sciri poterit, de omnibus et singulis terris vastis novalibus assartis, et possessionibus ad agriculturam redactis, infra parochias, seu limites parochiarum, aut loca decimationum ecclesiarum de Cestr', Langcestr', et Aukland, nostræ diœcesis, a tempore quo dictæ ecclesiæ in certas præbendas divisæ extiterunt; et proinde ordinate, et quo tempore, singulæ culturæ hujusmodi erant primo cultæ; qui sunt possessores earundem, et de valore annuo decimarum provenientium ab eisdem; qui, et a quo tempore, decimas hujusmodi perceperunt, et qui sunt in possessione percipiendi easdem decimas in præsenti; quæ portiones singulis præbendis dictarum ecclesiarum, erant tempore ordinationis earundem assignatæ, et de aliis articulis et circumstantiis præmissa tangentibus, vobis vices nostras committimus, cum coercionis canonicæ potestate: vobis insuper mandantes, quatenus de hiis omnibus et singulis, quæ inveneritis et feceritis in præmissis, nos plene, distincte et aperte, reddatis certiores, citra instans festum Paschæ, ubicumque fuerimus in nostra diœcesi; per vestras patentes literas, harum seriem, et nomina testificantium continentes. Datum apud Kypier, xj°. die Martii, anno Domini, etc. [M°.ccc^mo.] undecimo, et pontificatus nostri primo.

Generalis sententia contra ingredientes parcos.

General sentence against the intruders in parks.

Ricardus, permissione divina, Dunolmensis episcopus, dilectis filiis, officiali

A.D. 1312. nostro Dunolmensi, ac archidiaconis Dunolmensi et Northumbriæ, eorumque officialibus, necnon universis abbatibus, prioribus, decanis, rectoribus, vicariis, et aliis ecclesiarum prælatis, ac omnibus et singulis capellanis, infra civitatem et diœcesim nostras Dunolmenses, divina qualitercunque celebrantibus, salutem, gratiam et benedictionem. Gloriosus Deus, in majestate mirabilis, cujus altitudo prudentiæ nullis inclusa limitibus, nullis terminis comprehensa, recti censura judicii disposuit, ut domum suam, id est sanctam ecclesiam, deceat sanctitudo, et cum in pace factus sit locus ejus in eadem domo, ac sibi adherentibus, et ad eam pertinentibus, qui naturam suam induunt principalem, sit quieta conversatio, Deo grata, ne quis in eas seditionem excitet, conclamationem moveat, injuriam impetumve committat, præsertim, per quæ salus et lucrum animarum poterunt impediri, aut oculi Divinæ Majestatis offendi. Dudum siquidem nos ad pastorale officium, licet immeriti, divina disponente clementia, assumpti, circa gregis Dominici nobis commissi custodiam et curam, prout injunctæ nobis debitum servitutis exposcit, sollicitis excitati vigiliis, animarum saluti jugis attentione cogitationis intimius intendentes, ut, excusso a nobis negligentiæ somno agendo per futura, et noxia submovendo, nostri cordis oculis diligentia sedula vigilantibus, per salubre visitationis officium, in nostris civitate et diœcesi, prout opportunum fuerat, impendendum, possemus animas Deo lucrifacere, sua gratia mediante, ipsam visitationem inchoavimus; et excommunicationis majoris sententias, in omnes et singulos, eandem visitationem nostram, aut libertates nostræ ecclesiæ Dunolmensis, impedientes, sive manus suas ad bona ecclesiastica malitiose, vel odii fomite, extendentes, protulimus in genere, ad id ex causis sufficientibus et legitimis excitati; sed, quod non sine gravi cordis amaritudine referimus, detestanda quorundam iniquorum perversitas, abstinere nescientium An. Episc. 1.

An. Episc. 1. a vetitis, qui, tanquam salutis propriæ penitus immemores, tam mortem animarum suarum, quam aliorum, nefanda sævitia struunt, et cum suis complicibus moliuntur inconsutilem tunicam Domini, sanctæ, videlicet, ecclesiæ scindere unitatem, quorum nomina ignorantur, contra clericos nostros familiares, quibus, nobis impeditis, vices nostras, in officio visitationis archidiaconatus nostri Northumbriæ, per nostras certi tenoris literas, in forma juris commisimus, in verba vetita et schismatica, linguis suis, ut gladiis acutis, in contemptum disciplinæ ecclesiasticæ prorumpentes, eisdem clericis nostris, in ecclesiis et locis aliis evocatis ab ecclesiis et locis ipsis recedere vi et armis coegerunt; publice inhibentes, ne iidem clerici in visitatione ulterius procederent, nec aliqui coram eis comparerent, seu in aliquo sibi intenderent, sub pœna amissionis vitæ et mutilationis membrorum, quam ipsi iniquitatis alumni contra-venientibus infligere juraverunt; eisdemque clericis, justo metu desistere sic compulsis, ipsa nostra visitatio est, per dictos Satanæ satellites, et eorum complices, impedita. Nonnulli etiam in locis nostris ecclesiasticis, juxta Evenwod, in familiares nostros operarios in piscatione, ad usum domini regis Angliæ illustris, et nostram, ac ecclesiæ nostræ, utilitatem, ex præcepto nostro, prout licuit, laborantes, manus temerarias injicere, ac pisces ibidem captos, in magna multitudine, violenter invadere et auferre; in parcos etiam nostros, et alia loca nostra, et ecclesiæ nostræ, absque voluntate nostra, necnon contra consensum nostrum, introire, ferasque bestias et etiam mansuetas, necnon alia bona nostra, et dictæ ecclesiæ nostræ, capere, usurpare et asportare, damnabiliter præsumpserunt, in præjudicium ecclesiasticæ libertatis; et, induratis animis, se graviores facturos inposterum publice comminantur; sic excommunicationis majoris sententias, contra præsumptores hujusmodi constitutionibus et per nos in genere promulgatas, ut præmittitur, incurrendo;

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A.D. 1312. ex quibus pullulant hæreses in populo, tepescit fide- An. Episc. 1.
lium devotio, et multiplicantur pericula animarum. Commotiva igitur turbatio, et turbata commotio, quibus intimius occasione hujusmodi affligimur, nos inducunt, ut excogitemus eo studiosius vias aliquas, per quas poterit hujusmodi detestandæ feritatis abusui obviari, et claudi aditus ad consimilia vetita perpetranda, quanto ea nos, et etiam nostram ecclesiam Dunolmensem, ac ejus membra, ad quorum defensionem, ex promissione et juramenti nostri debito, sumus obnoxii, specialius contingere dinoscuntur, ac malitiæ et iniquitates hujusmodi non quiescunt, sed eis crescentibus, ex ipsorum circumstantiis, amplius cedunt in perniciosum aliorum exemplum. Quocirca vobis omnibus et singulis, quos præsens mandatum nostrum recipere contigerit, committimus et mandamus, quatenus vos . . . officialem nostrum in singulis consistoriis et congregationibus vestris; vosque, archidiaconi nostri, et vestri officiales, in capitulis et aliis convocationibus vestris, et vos alii supradicti in ecclesiis et capellis locorum ubi moram facitis, omnes et singulos qui prædicta facinora, seu eorum aliqua, perpetrarunt, aut perpetrantibus præstiterunt opem, operam, auxilium vel favorem, in dictas excommunicationis sententias, ut præmittitur, incidisse, et sic excommunicatos esse, pulsatis campanis, candelis accensis et extinctis, intra missarum solemnia, vel in processionibus vestris, quando videlicet major populi adhæret multitudo, singulis diebus Dominicis et festivis, publice et solemniter nuncietis, sub pœna excommunicationis ac suspensionis ab officio et beneficio, quas non parentes incurrere volumus ipso facto; vosque, officialis noster, et archidiaconi nostri, et eorum officiales, faciatis ea in ipsis ecclesiis et capellis per alios nunciari, donec aliud a nobis super hiis receperitis in mandatis; domino nostro rege Angliæ illustri, et regina Angliæ, et regum et reginarum ipsius regni liberis, semper duntaxat exceptis; de nominibus ipsorum delinquentium plenius

An. Episc. 1. inquirentes, de quibus cum vobis constiterit, nobis constare de eisdem quantocius faciatis, ut possimus processum debitum contra eos, prout culpæ qualitas, et eorum protervitas, exegerit, ordinare. Et circiter vos, communiter vel divisim, super præsentis executionem mandati, distincte et aperte per vestras patentes literas, harum seriem continentes, cum inde fueritis requisiti, reddatis certiores. Datum Dunelmi, kalendis Martii, anno gratiæ, etc. [M°.CCC^mo.] xj°., et pontificatus nostri primo. A.D. 1312.

Litera officialis directa episcopo pro excommunicato capiendo.

Venerabili in Christo patri, et domino suo, reverendo domino, Ricardo, Dei gratia, Dunelmensi episcopo, suus humilis et devotus, . . officialis Dunelmensis, obedientiam, cum reverentia et honore debitis tanto patri. Cum Hughtredus Wrowe, parochianus vester, manens in Neweton' juxta Dunelmum, sit propter suam manifestam contumaciam, pariter et offensam, ad instantiam Jacobi Apotegarii de Dunelmo, contractam, auctoritate nostra, majoris excommunicationis sententia involutus, in qua per quadraginta dies et amplius pertinaciter perseveravit animo indurato, et adhuc in eadem, contemptis ecclesiæ clavibus, perseverat, id reverendæ paternitati vestræ, tenore præsentium, intimamus, ut quod vestro incumbit officio, quoad ipsius rebellis insolentiam reprimendam, dignemini exequi contra eum. Valeat et vigeat vestra reverenda paternitas per tempora longiora. Datum Dunelmi, kalendis Martii, anno Domini M°.CCC^mo. undecimo.

Letter to the bishop of Durham from his official, announcing that he had excommunicated Hughtred Wrowe for contumacy.

Litera episcopi missa ad cancellarium pro excommunicato capiendo.

Ricardus, etc., W. cancellario nostro Dunelmensi, salutem, gratiam et benedictionem. Quia Hughtredus Wrowe, parochianus noster, manens in Neuton' juxta Dunelmum, propter suam contumaciam, pariter et offensam, ad instantiam Jacobi Apoticarii de Dunelmo, contractam, prout per officialem curiæ nostræ Dunelmensis

The bishop of Durham commands his chancellor to direct the sheriff to capture the said Hughtred Wrowe, who has been excommunicated

A.D. 1312. by the bishop's official.

intelleximus, majoris est excommunicationis sententia involutus, et in ea jam per quadraginta dies et amplius pertinaciter perseveravit animo indurato, et adhuc in eadem, contemptis ecclesiæ clavibus, perseverat; vobis mandamus, quatenus, secundum approbatam nostræ regiæ libertatis in hoc casu consuetudinem, pro captione ipsius Hughtredi, ad ejus insolentiam reprimendam, nostro scribere vicecomiti nulla[tenus] omittatis. Valete. Datum apud Kypier, vicesimo die Martii, anno, etc. [M.ccc^mo.] undecimo, et pontificatus nostri primo. An. Episc. 1.

f. 39 b. The bishop's writ, issued from his chancery at Durham, to take the said Hughtred Wrowe.

Breve episcopi pro excommunicato capiendo, de cancellaria Dunolmensi.

Ricardus, Dei gratia, Dunelmensis episcopus, vicecomiti Dunelmensi, salutem. Quia Hughtredus Wrowe, de Neueton', parochianus noster, auctoritate nostra ordinaria, propter manifestam contumaciam suam, excommunicatus est, nec se vult per censuram ecclesiasticam justitiari; et nostra regia potestas sacrosanctæ ecclesiæ in querelis suis deesse non debet; tibi præcipimus, quod ipsum Hughtredum, per corpus suum, secundum consuetudinem Angliæ et nostræ regiæ libertatis, justitias, donec sanctæ ecclesiæ, tam de contemptu, quam de injuria ei illata, ab eo fuerit satisfactum. Teste meipso, apud Kypier, xx°. die Martii, pontificatus nostri anno primo.

Relaxation of the sequestration of the goods of the vicar of Norton.

Relaxatio sequestri in bonis vicarii de Norton'.

Ricardus, permissione divina, Dunelmensis episcopus, dilecto in Christo filio, domino Radulpho de Dalton', possessioni vicarii ecclesiæ de Norton' incumbenti, salutem, etc. Sequestrum in bonis vestris, auctoritate nostra nuper interpositum, quæ habuistis et percepistis in parochia ecclesiæ prædictæ, adusque xij. diem mensis Martii, de nostra gratia, relaxamus; ita quod de compertis in nostra visitatione nobis, quatenus justum fuerit, teneamini respondere et satisfacere, ut incumbit; volentes

An. Episc. 1. quod omnia debita vestra in dicta parochia, tam de decimis, quam de aliis quæ vobis debebantur, usque prædictum diem, possitis exigere et levare a debitoribus eorundem. Valete. Datum, etc., xxij°. die Martii, et pontificatus nostri anno primo. A.D. 1312.

Item super eodem. Ricardus, etc., dilectis sibi, magistro Wil- The bishop's further mandate relative to the above-mentioned sequestration.
lelmo de Langeley, et Johanni de Pollowe, sequestratori nostro, et eorum alteri salutem, &c. Quia sequestrum nuper interpositum, auctoritate nostra, in bonis domini Radulphi de Dalton', possessioni vicariæ de Norton' incumbentis, quæ habuit in parochia prædicta xij. die hujus mensis Martii, relaxavimus sub certa forma; vobis et cuilibet vestrum, injungimus et mandamus, quatenus omnia bona hujusmodi per vos, vel alterum vestrum, occupata vel detenta, restituatis eidem; et de alienatis et consumptis per vos, si quæ sint, satisfaciatis; non impedientes ipsum, quominus possessione domuum ad vicariam spectantium gaudeat, donec de hoc aliud fuerit ordinatum; nec contra voluntatem ejusdem moram trahatis in domibus memoratis. Datum, etc.

Litera directa domino officiali Dunolmensi, ut relaxet suspensionem. Ricardus, permissione divina, etc., officiali nostro Dunelmensi, salutem, etc. Ad nostram accedens præsentiam dominus Willelmus Bernardi, perpetuus vicarius ecclesiæ de Shypbotill', sua nobis insinuatione monstravit, quod, cum vocatus fuisset personaliter coram vobis, adversa valetudine præpeditus, accedere non potuit; sufficientem tamen misit excusatorem, qui de infirmitate sua, ut dicit, fidem facere obtulit se paratum. Vos tamen, hujusmodi excusatione non admissa, ipsum a celebratione divinorum ecclesiæ, et officio, suspendistis; super quo de opportuno remedio sibi per nos provideri humiliter supplicavit, de parendo mandatis ecclesiæ præstare paratus idoneam cautionem. Quocirca vestræ discretioni injungimus et mandamus, quatenus, hujus- The bishop's mandate to his official to relax the suspension of William Bernardi, perpetual vicar of Shypbotill'.

A.D. 1312. modi cautione recepta, dicto domino Willelmo absolu- An. Episc. 1.
tionis beneficium impendatis; alioquin nobis significetis quare beneficium hujusmodi eidem non duxeritis impendendum, vel saltem per nos [non] impendi debeat, si causa hujus absolutionis obtinendæ ad nos veniat iterato. Valete. Datum apud Middelham, xxj°. die Martii, anno Domini, etc. [M°.ccc^mo.] xj°., et pontificatus nostri primo.

Mandate to absolve the rector of Wynston, and relax the interdict placed upon him by the bishop's official.

Relaxatio interdicti et absolutionis.

Ricardus, etc., dilecto filio . . ., perpetuo vicario ecclesiæ de Geyneford', salutem, etc. Quia rectorem ecclesiæ de Wynston', nostræ diœcesis, a sententia excommunicationis in ipsum lata auctoritate nostra, per officialem nostrum, pro octo libris sterlingorum debitis per eundem rectorem domino nostro regi, sub certa forma absolvimus, et interdictum, cui dicta ecclesia supposita fuit, occasione prædicta, duximus relaxandum; vobis mandamus, quatenus dictum rectorem sic absolutum, et interdictum relaxatum esse, publice nuncietis. Datum, etc., xxij°. die Martii, pontificatus nostri anno primo.

Mandate to proclaim that the sentence of interdict upon the church of Wessington has been relaxed.

Relaxatio interdicti et absolutionis.

Ricardus, permissione divina, etc., dilecto filio, rectori capellæ de Hilton', salutem, etc. Quia sententiam interdicti in ecclesiam de Wessington', nuper per officialem nostrum, auctoritate nostra, latam, pro xvj. libris, xiij. solidis et quatuor denariis, debitis domino nostro regi, usque in diem Veneris proximum post instans festum Paschæ, duximus relaxandam; vobis mandamus, quatenus ipsum interdictum sic relaxatum esse publice nuncietis; volentes quod omnia bona rectoris, ac etiam obventiones dictæ ecclesiæ, sub arcto sequestro per vos custodiantur, donec de dicta pecunia dicto domino nostro regi, vel nobis, suo nomine, fuerit satisfactum. Datum, etc., x. kal. Aprilis, anno, etc. [M°.ccc^mo.] xj°.

An. Episc. 1. Relaxatio interdicti et absolutionis.

Ricardus, permissione divina, etc., rectori ecclesiæ de Ellewyk', salutem, etc. Quia interdicti sententiam, in ecclesiis de Hartrepol, Harte, Eden', Stranton', et Tremdon', per officialem nostrum, auctoritate nostra, pro diversis pecuniarum summis domino nostro regi debitis, latam, adusque quindenam Paschæ duximus relaxandam; vobis mandamus, quatenus ipsum interdictum sic relaxatum esse publice nuncietis; interpositum tamen sequestrum in bonis ipsarum ecclesiarum in suo robore volumus permanere, cujus custodiam domino Johanni de Kyllewardby committimus per præsentes; suspensionis etiam, et excommunicationis, sententias, in personas rectorum ecclesiarum earundem latas, tenore præsentium relaxamus. Valete. Datum apud Stoketon', xxiij°. die Martii, pontificatus nostri anno primo.

A.D. 1312. Relaxation of the sentence of interdict pronounced against the rectors of five churches.

[1] Ricardus, permissione divina, etc., dilecto in Christo filio, rectori ecclesiæ de Wolsingham, salutem, gratiam et benedictionem. Ne parochiani vestri, hoc sacratissimo tempore, divinis fraudentur officiis, seu vos minus libere ministrare possitis eisdem ecclesiastica sacramenta, quascunque [su]spensionis, excommunicationis et interdicti sententias in personam vestram, vel ecclesiam prædictam, auctoritate nostra latas seu comminatas, pro medietate . . . . regi jamdui est concessa, adusque proximum diem Lunæ post Dominicam qua canatur "Quasi modo geniti," relaxamus; sequestrum tamen in bonis, fructibus et obventionibus ipsius ecclesiæ, ex causa prædicta interpositum, in sua volumus virtute et robore permanere. Valete. Datum apud Stoketon', xxiiij°. die Martii, pontificatus nostri anno primo.

Sentence of excommunication and interdict relaxed against the rector of Wolsingham.

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Litera missa cancellario Scaccarii domini regis.

Reverendæ discretionis viro, domino Johanni de Foxley, cancellarioScaccarii domini nostri regis, Ricardus, etc., salu-

Letter from the bishop of Durham to the king's chancellor of the Exchequer.

[1] Marginal note torn off in the MS.

A.D. 1312. tem, cum benedictione et gratia Salvatoris. Cum per breve domini nostri regis, nuper nobis mandaveritis, quod de persona de Hert', vj.*li.* xiij.*s.* iiij.*d.*; de persona de Eden', xvj.*s.* viij.*d.*; de persona de Hertrepol', iiij.*li.* viiij.*s.* x.*d.* ob.; de persona de Stranton', vj.*li.* xiij.*s.* iiij.*d.*; et de persona de Tremedon', xl.*s.*; summa, xx.*li.* xij.*s.* ij.*d.* et prior de Gyseburn', rector et persona ecclesiarum prædictarum, breve domini nostri regis de Scaccario, jam diu est nobis liberaverit, tenorem continens infrascriptum: "Edwardus, etc.," discretionem vestram requirimus et rogamus, quatenus, cum prætextu mandati vestri nobis directi, bona, fructus et obventiones prædictarum ecclesiarum fecerimus sequestrari, nobis rescribere velitis, si, non obstante brevi prædicto, pro ipso priore, et per ipsum nobis, liberato, ad dictam summam de præmissis ecclesiis levandam procedere debeamus. Bene et diu in Domino valeatis. Datum, etc., xxiij°. die Martii, pontificatus nostri anno primo. An. Episc. 1.

The custody of the sequestered fruits and obventions of the vicarage of Norton granted to John de Norton, clerk.

Commissio. Ricardus, permissione divina, etc., Johani de Norton, clerico nostro familiari, salutem, etc. De tua fidelitate et circumspectione fiduciam obtinentes, custodiam sequestri in fructibus et obventionibus vicariæ ecclesiæ de Norton', certis de causis, auctoritate nostra interpositi, tibi committimus pro nostro beneplacito, duraturam, custodiam ejusdem, quibuscunque aliis nuper per nos commissam, certa de causa, tenore præsentis revocantes. Proviso quod dicta vicaria divinis obsequiis et ministri ejusdem debita sustentatione, durante custodia hujusmodi, minime defraudentur. Datum apud Stoketon', ix°. kal. Aprilis, anno Domini M°.ccc^mo.xj°., et pontificatus nostri primo.

Appointment of commissioners to challenge, &c., all clerks in the archdea-

Commissio ad calumniandum clericos. Ricardus, permissione divina, Dunelmensis episcopus, omnibus domini nostri regis justiciariis, ballivis et ministris, quibuscunque, salutem in Domino. Noveritis nos constituisse, ac, vice nostra et nomine, deputasse et ordinasse, dilectos in

An. Episc. 1. Christo filios, fratrem Jacobum, magistrum Occidentalis Hospitalis de Novo Castro, ac dominum Nicholaum, capellanum ecclesiæ Omnium Sanctorum, et Alanum, capellanum parochiæ de Gatesheved, ad calumniandum, petendum et recipiendum, ut est moris, omnes et singulos clericos, in archidiaconatu Northumbriæ, indictatos, arestatos, appellatos, captos, vel alias coram vobis, quocunque modo, criminaliter accusatos. Quocirca vos omnes et singulos hortamur in Domino, et rogamus, quatinus, cum per ipsos, vel aliquem ipsorum, super hoc fueritis requisiti, omnes et singulos hujusmodi clericos illis, tribus, duobus, aut uni, secundum libertatem ecclesiasticam, liberetis. In cujus rei testimonium, dictis fratri Jacobo, Nicholao et Alano, præsentes literas fieri, et nostro sigillo fecimus communiri. Datum apud Stoketon', xxvj°. die Martii, anno Domini, etc. [M°.ccc^mo.] xij°., et pontificatus nostri primo.

A.D. 1312. coury of Northumberland, indicted, arrested, appealed, or criminally accused.

Citatio. Ricardus, permissione etc., dilecto, in Christo filio, capellano parochiali de Whitebern', salutem, gratiam et benedictionem. Vobis, in virtute obedientiæ, mandamus, firmiter injungentes, quatenus citetis Nicholaum de Merley, quod compareat coram nobis, ubicumque fuerimus in nostra diœcesi, die Mercurii proximo post Dominicam qua cantatur, "Quasi "modo geniti," super sibi objiciendis, ex officii nostri debito, responsurus, et juraperiturus, facturusque et recepturus quod justitia suadebit. Et ad probationem hujus, etc. Datum, etc., xxix°. die Martii, pontificatus nostri anno primo.

Nicholas de Merley cited to appear before the bishop to receive sentence upon anything that may be brought against him.

Memorandum.— Quod, ij. kal. Aprilis, concessit dominus xl. dies pro anima Roberti de Herle, anno Domini M°.ccc^mo. duodecimo.

Indulgence of 40 days for the soul of Robert de Herle.

Institutio vicarii de Norton'. Ricardus, etc., dilecto filio, domino Bernardo de Kyrkeby, capellano, salutem, etc. Ad vicariam ecclesiæ collegiatæ de Norton',

Institution of Bernard de Kyrkeby in the vicarage of the

A.D. 1312. collegiate church of Norton.

nostræ diœcesis, vacantem, et ad donationem serenissimi principis et domini nostri, domini Edwardi, regis Angliæ illustris, ratione episcopatus Dunelmensis vacantis, et in manu sua existentis, spectantem, te admittimus, cum onere curæ ac perpetuæ personalis residentiæ, ac cæteris quæ incumbunt, teque perpetuum vicarium instituimus in eadem. In cujus rei testimonium, præsentes literas tibi fieri, et nostro sigillo fecimus communiri. Datum apud Stoketon', iij°. die mensis Aprilis, anno Domini, etc. [M°.ccc^mo.] xij°., et pontificatus nostri primo. An. Episc. 1.

Sequestration ordered on the ecclesiastical property of John de Sandale, on account of his debts to the king.

Sequestrum interpositum de bonis ecclesiasticis domini Johannis de Sandal'.

Ricardus, etc., dilecto in Christo filio, officiali nostro Dunelmensi, salutem, etc. Cum serenissimus princeps et dominus noster, rex Angliæ illustris, nobis mandaverit, ut, pro diversis debitis, in quibus dominus Johannes de Sandale, de tempore suo, et etiam patris sui, ad Scaccarium suum tenebatur, omnia bona ecclesiastica, quæ fuerunt dicti domini Johannis, in diœcesi nostra, sequestrari, et ea sub salvo sequestro faciamus proinde custodiri; vobis mandamus, quatenus præmissum domini regis mandatum, vice nostra, faciatis fieri, sine mora. Valete. Datum apud Stoketon', ij°. die Aprilis, pontificatus nostri anno primo.

An inquisition ordered to be made as to the king's right of presentation to the church of Simundburn', by reason of the late vacancy of the see.

Inquisitio ad ecclesiam de Simundburn'.

Ricardus, etc., dilecto in Christo filio, archidiacono Northumbriæ, seu ejus officiali, aut locum-tenenti, salutem, gratiam et benedictionem. Præsentavit nobis serenissimus princeps et dominus noster, dominus Edwardus, Dei gratia, rex Angliæ illustris, Johannem de Pelham, clericum, ad ecclesiam de Simundburn, vacantem, et ad suam donationem spectantem, ut dicit, ratione episcopatus Dunelmensis nuper vacantis, et in manu sua existentis. Quocirca vobis mandamus, quatenus, vocatis rectoribus, vicariis et capellanis vicinis, in pleno loci capitulo, diligenter inquiratis, an dicta ecclesia vacet,

An. Episc. 1. et a quo tempore vacavit, et qualiter; quis sit verus patronus ejusdem; quis ad eam tempore pacis ultimo præsentaverit; quis sit in possessione præsentandi; quantum valeat per annum; an sit pensionaria, et cui, et in quantum; an sit litigiosa, et inter quos, et qua occasione; de conditionibus etiam præsentati ad eandem, an sit idoneus, et in quibus ordinibus constitutus; an sit alibi beneficiatus, de uno vel de pluribus beneficiis ecclesiasticis, cum cura vel sine; et aliis articulis in casu consimili debitis et consuetis. Et quid per hujusmodi inquisitionem inveneritis, per vestras literas, sub vestro et sigillis eorum per quos facta fuerit inquisitio, nobis sine mora constare dilucide faciatis. Valete. Datum apud Stoketon', ij°. die Aprilis, anno Domini M°.ccc^mo.xij°., et pontificatus nostri primo. A.D. 1312.

Memorandum.[1]— Quod, iij°. die Aprilis, anno Domini M°.ccc^mo.xij°., præsentatus fuit Thomas de Nova Haya ad præbendam, quam magister Johannes de Roma habuit in ecclesia de Langcestr', et habuit consimilem literam in forma præcedenti.[2]

Memorandum of the presentation of Thomas de Nova Haya to the prebend which John de Roma held in the church of Langcestre.

Mandatum pro domino Willelmo Rydell'. Richard, par la soffraunce de Dieu, eveske de Duresme, a Patrik de Kellawe, saluz et sa beneiceon. Come nous avoms grante a nostre feal et bien ame bacheler, sire Williame Rydell', por lui et sa compaigne et sa fraunche meignie, la base sale, oue les chaumbres et la cesyne apertinauntes, a avoir et y demorer a nostre volente, tant que meillour pees soit ferme en la Marche; et que les f. 40 b.

Mandate to Patrick de Kellawe, the bishop's brother, to deliver up to William Rydell, for his residence, the lower hall and chambers in the castle of Norham.

[1] The king's mandate to the bishop to present Thomas de Nova Haya to the prebend, which John de Roma held in the church of Langecestre, in the king's hands by reason of the bishopric of Durham being vacant, is enrolled on the Patent Roll, 5 Edw. 2, m. 12.

[2] After this entry, which is the last on the page, these words occur, in the same handwriting, at the foot of the page:—"ratione episcopatus "Dunolmensis nuper vacantis, et "in manu sua existentis." They undoubtedly were in the document, of which the entry in the Register is only a memorandum.

A.D. 1312. biens qil ad entree dedencz le chastel iley, porront estre et demorer, tant qil porra son prue faire; vous mandoms que les dites sale, chaumbres, et la cesyne, lui soffrez bonement avoir, et les biens qil ad de dencz le chastel entree, ilukes, come devant est dite, demorer, et autre eisemencz que faire lui poez, quant mester en avera, por ces biens meutz sauver, bonement lui facez. En temoignancz de quele choses, nous avoms fait faire cestes noz lettres overs au dit monsire Williame, por monstrer a vous, quant des choses que nous lui avoms cy grantie ilukes, pour vous vodra avoir. A Dieu. Done a Stoketon', le iiij. jour de Averile', l'an de nostre seigneurie, primer. An. Episc. 1.

Letter to the receiver of Norham, announcing that Messire William Rydell, and Patrick de Kellawe, the bishop's brother, are about to stay in the castle of Norham, &c.

Litera missa receptori de Norham.

Richard, etc., a Robert de Sokepeth', etc. Nous vous mandoms, que des mises que monsire William Rydell' aa mis en nostre chastel de Norham, tant qil fust conestable, par la vieue Patrik' de Kellawe, nostre frere, et autres bones genz du payes, lui responez, et de son fee qil deit avoir por sa demure, le plus en hast qe vous poez, lui facez servir., et au dit Patrik', et as autres qui demurent ove lui en la gard du chastel, trovez ce que mester leur ert pour lour demure, et tut ce vous ert alouez bonement sus vostre account. A Dieu. Done, etc., iiij. jour de Averill'.

Permission to bury in the cemetery of the chapel of Shafthouwe.

Concessio sepulturæ in cœmeterio capellæ de Shafthouwe.

Ricardus, permissione divina, etc., dilectis in Christo filiis, incolis et habitatoribus villæ de Shafthouwe, salutem, gratiam et benedictionem. Justis petentium desideriis dignum est nos facilem præbere consensum, et vota quæ a rationis tramite non discrepant affectu prosequi gratioso. Cum igitur, ex insinuatione vestra, et assertione discreti viri, perpetui vicarii ecclesiæ de Herteburn', acceperimus quod, propter subitas ac frequentes aquarum inundantias, corpora mortuorum,

An. Episc. I. in dicta villa de Shafthouwe decedentium, ad sepeli- A.D. 1312.
endum in cœmeterio parochialis ecclesiæ vestræ de Herteburn', deferre commode non potestis, unde multotiens quatriduum in domibus vestris fœtent, adeo quod parentes filiis, et filii parentibus, sunt horrori; volentes hujusmodi casibus occurrere, et, quoad possumus, remedium providere, ut in cœmeterio capellæ de Shafthouwe, cum dedicatum fuerit, corpora decedentium in villa de Shafthowe, salvo jure matris ecclesiæ, more possitis ecclesiastico sepelire, dictumque cœmeterium per aliquem episcopum regni Angliæ, sedis apostolicæ gratiam obtinentem, facere dedicari, licentiam vobis, tenore præsentium, indulgemus. Datum apud Stoketon', vj°. die Aprilis, anno Domini, etc. [M°.CCC^mo.] xij°., et pontificatus nostri primo.

Commissio pro vicario de Norton'.

Commission to cause Ralph de Dalton to shew cause why Bernard de Kyrkeby should not be inducted into the vicarage of Norton.

Ricardus, permissione divina, Dunelmensis episcopus, dilecto clerico nostro, Johanni de Norton', et nuncio nostro in hac parte specialiter jurato, salutem, gratiam et benedictionem. Tibi committimus et mandamus, quatenus, ad ecclesiam de Norton' personaliter accedens, dominum Radulphum de Dalton', possessioni vicariæ ejusdem ecclesiæ incumbentem, si ibi inveniri valeat, alioquin, hoc citationis edicto publice in ipsa ecclesia proposito, copiaque ejusdem super magno altari dimissa, cites eundem peremptorie, quod compareat coram nobis, proximo die juridico post Dominicam qua cantatur, "Quasi "modo geniti," ubicunque tunc fuerimus in nostra diœcesi, causas rationabiles vel jura, si quas vel quæ habeat, quare dominum Bernardum de Kyrkeby, nobis ad dictam vicariam, per serenissimum principem et dominum nostrum, dominum Edwardum, Dei gratia, regem Angliæ illustrem, legitime præsentatum, admittere, et ipsum dominum Radulphum a possessione dictæ vicariæ amovere, ac præfatum dominum Bernardum in corporalem possessionem ejusdem vicariæ, cum omni-

A.D. 1312. bus juribus et pertinentiis suis, inducere minime de- An. Episc. 1.
beamus, ostensurus, allegaturus et propositurus; ac nobis super quibusdam ex officio sibi objiciendis, et in visitatione nostra compertis, dicturus personaliter veritatem, facturusque et recepturus ulterius in eisdem quod justitia suadebit: terminum quidem prædictum taliter duximus moderandum, propter periculum animarum parochianorum dictæ ecclesiæ, quod ex diutina vacatione dictæ vicariæ poterit imminere. Et qualiter hujusmodi mandatum nostrum fueris executus, nobis constare facias ad diem, per tuas patentes literas, harum seriem continentes. Datum apud Stoketon', xxiij°. die Martii, anno Domini millesimo cccmo. undecimo, et pontificatus nostri primo.

Citation to the inhabitants of the vills of Taunfeld and Lomesley, parishioners of the church of Chester, to appear before the bishop, to show cause why they should not contribute towards the expenses of the said church.

Citatio quod satisfaciant pro reconcilatione ecclesiæ Cestr.'

Ricardus, permissione divina, etc., capellano parochiæ de Cestr', salutem, gratiam et benedictionem. Vobis mandamus, quatenus inhabitatores villarum de Taunfeld' et Lomesley, parochianos dictæ ecclesiæ, moneatis quod, infra octo dies a tempore monitionis hujusmodi sibi factæ, de contributione facienda, et reconciliatione dictæ ecclesiæ, quatenus ipsos contingit, satisfaciant, ut tenentur; alioquin quatuor vel sex majores dictarum villarum citetis, quod compareant coram nobis, die Lunæ proximo post festum Inventionis Sanctæ Crucis, ubicunque tunc fuerimus in nostra diœcesi; rationes, si quas habeant, ostensuri, quare inhabitatores dictarum villarum ad hujusmodi contributionem faciendam compellere minime debeamus. Quid autem in præmissis feceritis, et de nominibus citatorum, nos per vestras patentes literas, harum seriem continentes, cum fueritis requisiti, reddatis [dilucide] certiores. Datum apud Lumley, xvj°. die Aprilis, anno, etc. [M°.ccc^mo.] xij°., et pontificatus nostri primo.

Mandate to the official of the archdeacon of

Commissio.

Ricardus, permissione divina, etc., discreto viro, magistro Ricardo de Cotes, domini

An. Episc. 1. archidiaconi Northumbriæ officiali, salutem, etc. De fidelitatis tuæ discretione et circumspectione solita confidentes, custodiam sequestri in fructibus, proventibus et oblationibus ad vicariam ecclesiæ Beati Nicholai de Novo Castro qualitercunque spectantibus, auctoritate nostra, certis ex causis et legitimis facti, tibi, cum coercionis canonicæ potestate, committimus per præsentes; ita quod cum per nos fueris requisitus, plene et integre nobis respondeas de eisdem. Datum apud Gatisheved, xv°, die Aprilis, anno Domini millesimo ccc^mo^.xij°., et pontificatus nostri primo.[1]

A.D. 1312. Northumberland to take charge of the fruits and obventions pertaining to the vicarage of St. Nicholas in Newcastle.

Annus Secundus.

An. Episc. 2.

Excommunicatio contra violantes sequestrum.

Ricardus, permissione divina, Dunelmensis episcopus, dilecto filio . ., officiali nostro Dunelmensi, salutem, gratiam et benedictionem. Cum nuper, certis de causis, mandaverimus omnimodos fructus et obventiones ecclesiæ de Quicham, nostræ diœcesis, sequestrari, et sub arcto sequestro custodiri, certis custodibus auctoritate nostra ad hoc deputatis; necnon et laicalem potentiam, qua dicta ecclesia tenebantur, et quæ fuit in ea, ab eadem fecerimus amoveri; nonnulli tamen iniquitatis filii, suæ salutis immemores, mandatum nostrum prædictum penitus contemnentes, sequestrum hujusmodi temere violarunt, non permittentes custodes, ad hoc auctoritate nostra desputatos, de sequestro hujusmodi se intromittere qualitercunque; sed fructus et obventiones ad dictam ecclesiam venientes manu sacrilega occuparunt, invaserunt

Old pagination, f. 51.[2] Sentence of excommunication against the violators of the fruits and obventions of the church of Quicham.

[1] The "Quartus Quaternus" ends with this folio 40 b. At the top of the next page commences "Annus "Secundus," and the ancient pagination is 51; at the foot of the page is "Sextus Quaternus; facts which shew that the "Quintus Quaternus," containing ten leaves, is missing.

[2] A modern pagination by the late Dr. Raine marks this as f. 41, and continues the notation throughout the volume; trying to make the new harmonize with the old paging.

A.D. 1312. et asportaverunt, ipsamque ecclesiam laicali potentia detinent, et occupant vi armata, in nostrum et ecclesiasticæ libertatis præjudicium et contemptum; propter quod, non est dubium ipsos majoris excommunicationis sententiam, contra hujusmodi tam a canone quam ab homine provide promulgatam, damnabiliter incurrisse; quos etiam omnes et singulos, cum eorum fautoribus, et eis opem, consilium et auxilium, in hoc facto, clam vel palam præstantibus, vel eisdem consentientibus, ex abundanti, in genere excommunicamus in hiis scriptis; vobis firmiter injungendo mandamus, quatenus omnes et singulos prædictos sic excommunicatos esse in genere, in singulis ecclesiis civitatis et diœcesis nostræ Dunolmensis, singulis diebus Dominicis et festivis, pulsatis campanis, accensis candelis, intra missarum solemnia, astanti parochianorum multitudini, per vos, alium vel alios, publice nuncietis, seu faciatis nunciari; a denunciatione hujusmodi non cessantes, nec cessari permittentes, donec malefactores hujusmodi absolutionis beneficium, in forma juris, meruerint obtinere; inquirentes nihilominus diligenter de nominibus eorundem, et eisdem, ut prædicitur, consentientium in hac parte; quos, cum de nominibus eorum vobis constiterit, citetis, quod compareant personaliter coram vobis, ad certos diem et locum, quos ad hoc eis duxeritis assignandos, pœnas condignas pro demeritis recepturi. Qualiter autem mandatum nostrum fueritis executi, et quid inveneritis et feceritis in hac parte, nobis distincte et aperte, citra festum Beati Petri ad Vincula, constare faciatis, per vestras literas patentes, harum seriem continentes. Datum apud Crayk', ultimo die Junii, pontificatus nostri anno secundo. An. Episc. 2.

Collation to a prebend in the collegiate church of Aukeland.

Collatio præbendæ A.

Ricardus, permissione divina, Dunelmensis episcopus, dilecto in Christo filio, magistro Johanni de Snaynton', salutem et gratiam, cum benedictione Salvatoris. Eximia morum et gratiarum do-

An. Episc. 2. naria, tuæque probitatis merita, ex diutina conversatione familiariter nobis nota, ac etiam præclara virtutum insignia, quibus personam tuam bonorum Largitor omnium mirifice decoravit, nos excitant et inducunt ad tuæ promotionis augmentum, pio affectu specialiter attollendum. Canonicatum igitur, et præbendam in ecclesia collegiata Sancti Andreæ de Aukeland', nostræ diœcesis, per mortem domini Johannis de Berwyk', vacantes, ad nostramque collationem pleno jure spectantes, tibi, cum suis juribus et pertinentiis universis, concedimus et conferimus, intuitu caritatis, teque per annulum nostrum investimus præsentialiter de eisdem. In cujus rei testimonium, præsentes literas tibi fieri, et nostro sigillo fecimus communiri. Datum apud Creyk', xx°. die Junii, anno, etc. [M°.ccc^mo.] xij°., et pontificatus nostri primo. A.D. 1312.

Inductio B. Induction to a prebend in the collegiate church of Aukland.

Ricardus, permissione divina, Dunelmensis episcopus, dilecto filio, domino . . . archidiacono Dunelmensi, vel ejus officiali, salutem, gratiam et benedictionem. Quia canonicatum et præbendam domini Johannis de Berewico, in ecclesia nostra collegiata de Aukland', per mortem ejusdem domini Johannis, nuper vacantem in eadem, et ad nostram collationem spectantem, pleno jure, dilecto clerico nostro, magistro Johanni de Snaynton', cum omnibus juribus et pertinentiis suis, contulimus, intuitu caritatis; vobis mandamus, quatenus ipsum magistrum Johannem, in persona Ricardi de Cam', procuratoris sui, latoris præsentium, et ipsum procuratorem, nomine ejusdem magistri Johannis, in corporalem possessionem dictorum canonicatus et præbendæ, cum omnibus juribus et pertinentiis suis, inducatis, et inductum defendatis vice nostra; stallo in choro et loco in capitulo eidem, prout moris est, et convenit, assignatis. Bene valete, Datum apud Crayk', iij°. die Julii, anno Domini millesimo ccc^mo. duodecimo, et pontificatus nostri secundo.

A.D. 1312. Inquisition to be made concerning the defects in the collegiate church of Aukeland.

Inquisitio de defectibus ejusdem.

Ricardus, permissione divina, Dunelmensis episcopus, dilecto filio, domini. . . archidiaconi nostri Dunelmensis officiali, salutem, etc. De vestra fidelitate et circumspecta discretione, plenam in Domino fiduciam obtinentes, vobis committimus et mandamus, quatenus de defectibus domorum spectantium ad prebendam, quæ nuper fuit domini Johannis de Berwyco, in ecclesia nostra collegiata de Aukeland', et aliorum, ad quorum constructionem, reparationem et inventionem, ratione præbendæ hujusmodi, tenebatur, per viros fidedignos, tam clericos quam laicos, per quos rei veritas magis sciri potest, diligenter, sine moræ dispendio, vocatis illis quorum interest, inquiratis. Et nos, facta inquisitione hujusmodi, de hiis quæ feceritis et inveneritis, et nominibus eorum per quos hujusmodi inquisitio capta fuerit, reddatis certiores distincte et aperte, per vestras patentes literas, harum seriem continentes. Omnia etiam bona præfati domini Johannis, in quorum manibus consistunt, sequestretis, et sub arcto sequestro custodiri faciatis, donec de defectibus hujusmodi fuerit satisfactum, et a nobis aliud receperitis in mandatis. Datum, etc., iij°. die Julii, ut supra. An. Episc. 2.

f. 51 b. Commission for the custody of the peace.

Commissio custodiæ pacis.

Ricardus, permissione divina, Dunelmensis episcopus, dilecto et fideli suo, Roberto de Hilton', salutem. Quia quamplurimi malefactores, et pacis nostræ perturbatores, jam infra libertatem nostram regiam Dunelmensem discurrunt et vagantur hiis diebus, ut intelleximus; propter quod nos, hujusmodi malitiæ obviare volentes in hac parte, assignavimus vos custodem pacis nostræ regiæ libertatis prædictæ conservandæ et manutenendæ. Et ideo vobis mandamus, in fide et dilectione quibus nobis tenemini, quatinus dictam pacem nostram infra libertatem nostram prædictam conservetis debite et manuteneatis, facientes in omnibus quod ad custodiam pacis pertinet,

An. Episc. 2. secundum consuetudinem regni Angliæ et nostræ regiæ libertatis. Mandavimus enim baronibus, militibus, vicecomitibus, et omnibus aliis fidelibus et ministris nostris dictæ regiæ libertatis, quod vobis in præmissis in omnibus sint intendentes, consulentes et auxiliantes, quotiens per vos super hiis fuerint requisiti. In cujus rei testimonium has literas nostras fieri fecimus patentes, quamdiu nobis placuerit duraturas. Datum apud Derlington', xvj°. die Junii, pontificatus nostri anno secundo. A.D. 1312.

Super eodem, baronibus, militibus, vicecomitibus, etc. Appointment of a keeper or justice of the peace for the royal liberty of Durham.

Ricardus, permissione, etc., baronibus, militibus, vicecomitibus, et omnibus aliis fidelibus ministris suis, infra nostram regiam libertatem Dunelmensem, salutem. Cum per literas nostras patentes assignaverimus dilectum et fidelem nostrum, Robertum de Hilton', custodem ad pacem infra libertatem prædictam conservandam et manutenendam, prout in literis nostris prædictis, eidem Roberto inde confectis, plenius continetur; vobis mandamus, in fide et dilectione quibus nobis tenemini, firmiter injungentes, quatinus eidem Roberto, tanquam custodi pacis nostræ regiæ libertatis, sitis intendentes, consulentes et auxiliantes, quotiens per ipsum super hoc fueritis requisiti. Et hoc, sicut nos et honorem nostrum diligitis, nullo modo omittatis. Datum, ut supra.

Inquisitio super ecclesia de Whytebern'. Inquisition ordered to be made relative to the king's presentation of William de Ayremynne to the church of Whiteberne.

Venerabili in Christo patri et domino, dominoque suo, si placet, reverendo, domino Ricardo, Dei gratia, Dunelmensis episcopo, suus humilis et devotus clericus, domini . ., Dunelmensis archidiaconi, . . officialis, obedientiam, reverentiam, pariter et honorem. Mandatum vestrum nuper recepi, tenorem continens infrascriptum: — Ricardus, permissione divina, Dunelmensis episcopus, dilecto in Christo filio . ., archidiacono Dunelmensi, seu ejus officiali, aut locum-tenenti, salutem, gratiam et benedicti-

A.D. 1312. onem. Præsentavit[1] nobis serenissimus princeps et dominus noster, dominus Edwardus, Dei gratia, rex Angliæ illustris, Willelmum de Ayremynne, clericum, ad ecclesiam de Whitebern, vacantem, et ad suam donationem spectantem, ut dicit, ratione episcopatus Dunelmensis nuper vacantis, et in manu sua existentis. Quocirca, vobis mandamus, quatenus, vocatis rectoribus, vicariis, et capellanis vicinis, in pleno loci capitulo diligenter inquiratis, an dicta ecclesia vacet, et a quo tempore vacavit, et qualiter; quis sit verus patronus ejusdem; quis ad eam debeat præsentare; et quis tempore pacis ultimo præsentavit; quis sit in possessione præsentandi; quantum valeat per annum; an sit pensionaria, et cui, et in quantum; an sit litigiosa, et inter quos, et qua occasione; de conditionibus etiam præsentati ad eandem, an sit idoneus, et in quibus ordinibus constitutus; an sit alibi beneficiatus, de uno vel pluribus beneficiis ecclesiasticis, cum cura vel sine, et aliis articulis in casu consimili debitis et consuetis. Et quid per hujusmodi inquisitionem inveneritis, per vestras literas, sub vestro et sigillis eorum per quos facta fuerit inquisitio, nobis sine mora constare dilucide faciatis. Valete. Datum apud Aukland', xiij°. die Junii, anno Domini M°.ccc^mo. duodecimo, et pontificatus nostri secundo.—Hujus igitur auctoritate mandati, die Martis proxima post festum Nativitatis Beati Johannis Baptistæ, anno Domini supradicto, in ecclesia beati Nicholai Dunelmi, in pleno capitulo Dunelmensi inibi celebrato, per discretos viros, magistrum Ricardum de Eryum, dominos Johannem de Ackelay, Henricum de Donyngton', Willelmum de Graystok', Rogerum de Heselarton', Johannem de Rydale, et Simonem de Rouley, ecclesiarum Beati Nicholai Dunelmi, Staynton' An. Episc. 2.

[1] The king's presentation of William de Ayremynne to the church of Whitebern, by reason of the late vacancy of the see of Durham, is enrolled on the Patent Roll, 5° Edw. 2, p. 2, m. 15.

An. Episc. 2. in Strata, Beatæ Mariæ in Ballio Australi, Beatæ Mariæ in Ballio Boreali Dunelmi, Kymelesworth, Mukkelyngeswyk' et Rouley rectores, ac dominos Ricardum de Toppclyf', Walterum de Offyngton', Thomam de Cantuar', Hugonem de Hildreton', Willelmum de Dalton', Robertum de Crossegat', et magistrum Thomam de Ho, ecclesiarum de Stranton', Billingham, Kellawe, Hesilden, Dalton' in Valle Sancti Oswaldi de Dunelmo, et de Bisshopton' vicarios, diligentem feci inquisitionem. —Qui dicunt quod dicta ecclesia de Witebern vacat de jure; Beraldus tamen de Farges, detentione ejusdem ecclesiæ, ut dicitur, de facto incumbit; et vacavit a xviij. kal. Maii anno Domini M°.ccc^mo. undecimo; et vacavit per resignationem Guillelmi de Bordis, Electi Lectovensis, dudum ipsius ecclesiæ rectoris, ante dictas kalendas factam; per quantum tamen tempus antea ignorant; . . . episcopus Dunelmensis est verus patronus ejusdem, sede Dunelmensi plena; et dominus rex Angliæ debet præsentare ad eam hac vice, ratione episcopatus Dunelmensis, tempore vacationis hujus dictæ ecclesiæ vacantis, et in manu sua tunc existentis; dominus papa dudum contulit dictam ecclesiam prædicto Willelmo de Bordis, vacantem in curia Romana, per mortem magistri Adæ de Driffeld', nuper rectoris ejusdem; et jam dicitur ipsam ecclesiam esse collatam præfato Beraldo de Farges per eundem; . . . episcopus Dunelmensis est in possessione præsentandi, sede Dunelmensi plena; valet quadraginta libras annuatim; non est pensionaria; Johannes de Pollowe, dicens se procuratorem dicti Beraldi, asserendo dictam ecclesiam plenam esse de eodem Beraldo, ne quicquam in ejusdem Beraldi præjudicium attentaretur, provocavit; præsentatus ad eandem ecclesiam est idoneus, est honestus, et in sacris ordinibus constitutus; et est alibi de pluribus beneficiis ecclesiasticis curatus beneficiatus; nomina tamen ipsorum ignorant, ut dicunt; nec aliquid obest præsentanti vel

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f 52.[1]

[1] Raine's foliation makes this f. 42.

A.D. 1312. præsentato, quod sciatur, nisi quod est supradictum. An. Episc. 2. In cujus rei testimonium sigillum meum, una cum sigillis contestificantium, præsentibus est appensum. Conservet vos, ad regimen ecclesiæ suæ sanctæ et populi sui, Deus per tempora prospere successiva. Datum loco, die et anno superius annotatis.

Order for citation of Berald de Fargis to appear before the bishop or his commissary, to show cause why he should not be removed from the church of Whytebern to which William de Ayremynne has been presented by the king.

Citatio super eodem. Ricardus, permissione divina, etc., dilecto filio, . . . domini archidiaconi Dunelmensis officiali, salutem, gratiam et benedictionem. Serenissimus princeps et dominus noster, dominus Edwardus, Dei gratia, rex Angliæ illustris, nuper nobis præsentavit dominum Willelmum de Aremynne, clericum, ad ecclesiam de Whytebern, nostræ diœcesis, vacantem, et ad suam donationem spectantem, ut asserit, ratione episcopatus Dunelmensis nuper vacantis, et [in] manu sua existentis; ad cujus præsentationem, super articulis necessariis et consuetis in hac parte, diligentem fieri fecimus inquisitionem, ut est moris. Et quia per inquisitionem solemniter inde captam, per rectores, vicarios et capellanos, in pleno capitulo loci, est compertum quod dicta ecclesia vacat de jure, et quod dictus dominus noster, rex Angliæ, debet [præsentare ad eam hac vice, ratione episcopatus Dunolmensis tunc vacantis, et in manu sua existentis, quodque dominus Beraldus de Fargis detentioni ejusdem ecclesiæ de facto incumbit; vobis mandamus, quatenus dictum dominum Beraldum citetis peremptorie, quod compareat coram nobis, vel commissario nostro, in Galilea ecclesiæ nostræ Dunolmensis, proximo die juridico post instans festum Sancti Michaelis Archangeli, causas rationabiles et jura, si quas vel quæ habeat pro se, quare ipse a detentione præfatæ ecclesiæ amoveri, et prædictus dominus Willelmus ad ipsam ecclesiam admitti, ac institui canonice in eadem, minime debeant, propositurus, ostensurus, facturus et recepturus ulterius, quod rationis et juris fuerit in hac parte; qualiter autem mandatum nostrum fueritis executi, nobis, vel com-

An. Episc. 2. missario nostro, ad dictos diem et locum, distincte et aperte constare faciatis, per vestras literas patentes, harum seriem continentes. Datum apud Creyk', ij. kal. Julii, pontificatus nostri anno secundo. A.D. 1312.

Solemn appeal against an alleged unjust judgment of the commissary-general of the official of the bishop of Durham.

[1] In Dei nomine, Amen. Quia magister Johannes de Nassyngton', domini Dunelmensis episcopi officialis commissarius generalis, minus veraciter confingens me, Thomam de Herpyswell', clericum, necnon dominum Hugonem, perpetuum vicarium ecclesiæ de Hesilden', et Jacobum Apothecarium de Dunelmo, religiosis viris, priori et conventui ecclesiæ Dunelmensis in novemdecim marcis sterlingorum judicialiter condemnari; literas suas executorias, ad solvendum novem marcas et sex solidos et octo denarios, de residuo dictarum novemdecim marcarum, contra me ac dictos dominum Hugonem et Jacobum demandando; mandantes nos, et quemlibet nostrum, moneri, quod infra dictum tempus domino Johanni de Seton', camerario ecclesiæ Dunolmensis, monacho, de dictis novem marcis, sex solidis et octo denariis satisfaceremus; alioquin nos, et quemlibet nostrum, extunc ad dictarum novem marcarum sex solidorum et octo denariorum solutionem dicto camerario faciendam, per suspensionis et excommunicationis sententias, singulis diebus Dominicis et festivis, intra missarum solemnia, compelli; cum super præmissis coram quocunque judice competenti nos nunquam citati vel confessi, nec per contumaciam absentes, nec legitime, convicti exstiteramus, ad instantiam cujuscunque, nec alias nobiscum judicialiter processum, et potissime ad instantiam camerarii antedicti. Unde ego Thomas de Herpyswell', procurator dictorum domini Hugonis et Jacobi, sentiens ipsos dominos meos et me, ex præmissis prægravaminibus, per dictum commissarium dictis dominis meis et mihi illatis, indebite prægravari, venerabilem patrem, dominum Dunelmelsem episcopum, in hiis scriptis, nomine procuratorio et no-

[1] This instrument is entered on a separate schedule.

A.D. 1312. mine meo, appello, et apostolos instanter, instantius et instantissime, peto, cum effectu. Et ne dictus commissarius, seu quivis alius nomine suo, auctoritate sua, præcepto vel mandato, contra nos, vel aliquem nostrum, occasione præmissorum, aliquid faciat, attentet, seu decernat, suspendendo, excommunicando, seu, quovis alio modo nos, vel aliquem nostrum, gravando, dictum dominum episcopum, ut prius, in hiis scriptis provoco, et provocando appello, et apostolos, quatenus peti licuerit, in hoc casu, peto, cum effectu. An. Episc. 2.

The bishop's official, and the rector of the church of St. Mary in Durham, are appointed to determine the cause between the rector of the church of St. Nicholas in Durham, and prebendary of Heley in the prebendal church of Langcestre and his adversaries.

Citatio. Ricardus, permissione divina, etc., dilectis filiis, ..., archidiaconi nostri Dunelmensis officiali, ac rectori ecclesiæ Beatæ Mariæ in Ballio Australi, Dunolmi, salutem, gratiam et benedictionem. In causis et negotiis quibuslibet, quæ vertuntur, seu verti sperantur, inter dilectum filium, magistrum Ricardum de Eryum, rectorem ecclesiæ Beati Nicholai in Dunelmo, ac præbendarium de Heley, in ecclesia præbendali de Langecestr', ecclesiæ seu præbendæ prædictarum, aut alia quavis occasione, ex parte una, et quoscunque adversarios suos ex altera; vobis, de quorum circumspectione et industria ad plenum confidimus, cum cujuslibet coercionis canonicæ potestate, conjunctim et divisim, committimus vices nostras. Datum apud Creyk', quinto die Julii, anno, etc. [M^mo.ccc^o.] xij^o., et pontificatus nostri secundo.

The bishop's official is appointed to inquire into and execute the articles moved against William de Percy, called "Wyseman."

[1] Ricardus, permissione divina, Dunolmensis episcopus, dilecto filio . . . ., officiali nostro Dunelmensi, salutem, etc. De vestra circumspectione et industria plenius confidentes, ad cognoscendum, inquirendum et corrigendum, puniendum, diffiniendum et exequendum, in negotio, quod super quibusdam criminibus et articulis ex officio nostro [movetur], seu moveri speratur, contra Willelmum de Percy, dictum

[1] There is no marginal Note to this instrument.

An. Episc. 2. "Wyseman," necnon in omnibus dictum negotium qualitercunque tangentibus, cum cujuslibet coercionis canonicæ potestate, vobis committimus vices nostras. Datum apud Creyk', quinto die Julii, pontificatus nostri anno secundo. A.D. 1312.

Commissio. Ricardus, permissione divina, Dunelmensis episcopus, discretis viris, custodi spiritualitatis nostræ de Alvertonshire, ac magistro hospitalis nostri de Laysingby, salutem, cum benedictione divina. In causis et negotiis quibuslibet, quæ vertuntur, seu verti sperantur, inter religiosas dominas, priorissam et moniales monasterii Sancti Stephani, super capella Sancti Stephani, et obventionibus ejusdem, aut earum occasione, ex parte una, ac præbendarios seu portionarios, ecclesiæ de Osmundreley, dictæ jurisdictionis nostræ, ex altera, vobis, conjunctim et divisim, cum cujuslibet coercionis canonicæ potestate, committimus vices nostras. Valete. Datum apud Crayk', ij. non. Julii, anno Domini M°.ccc^mo. duodecimo, et pontificatus nostri secundo. The appointment of commissioners to execute whatever is determined in the matter between the prioress and nuns of St. Stephen and the prebendaries of the church of Osmundreley.

Receptio denariorum de collectore arreragii medietatis. Pateat universis per præsentes, quod nos, Ricardus, permissione divina, Dunelmensis episcopus, recepimus de Johanne de Pollowe, clerico, collectore nostro arreragii medietatis, celebris memoriæ domino Edwardo, dudum regi illustri Angliæ, a clero concessæ, una cum domino Waltero, perpetuo vicario de Billingham, xxxiij.*lib.* x.*s.* et vj.*d.*, per ipsos collectos; videlicet, de rectore ecclesiæ de Winston, viij.*li.*; de vicario ecclesiæ de Neuburn', cx.*s.* vj.*d.*; de rectore ecclesiæ Sancti Ægidii de Satley, lxvj.*s.* viij.*d.*; de rectore ecclesiæ de Segefeld, vj.*li.* xiij.*s.* iiij.*d.*; de portione de Lamesley in ecclesia de Cestr', x.*li.* Datum apud Crayk', in festo Translationis Beati Thomæ Martyris, anno pontificatus nostri secundo. The receipt of the bishop of Durham for certain sums of money received from the collector of the arrears of the moiety granted to the king by the clergy.

A.D. 1312. f. 52 b. Presentation to a prebend in the church of Osmundreley, vacant by the death of John de Berwyk.

Præsentatio ad præbendam in ecclesia de Osmunderley.

Venerabili in Christo patri, domino Wil- An. Episc. 2.
lelmo, Dei gratia, Eboracensi archiepiscopo, Angliæ primati, seu ejus vicario generali, ipso in remotis agente, Ricardus, permissione divina, Dunolmensis ecclesiæ minister humilis, salutem, cum obedientia, reverentia, et honore debitis et devotis. Ad portionem seu præbendam in ecclesia de Osmundreley, per mortem domini Johannis de Berwyk', quondam portionarii seu præbendarii in eadem, vacantem, ad nostramque præsentationem spectantem, dilectum clericum nostrum, dominum Hugonem de Vilers, vobis præsentamus; vos humiliter requirentes, quatenus ad dictam præbendam seu portionem, præfatum dominum Hugonem velitis admittere, et exercere circa eum quod vobis incumbit ulterius in hac parte. Valeat semper vestra reverenda paternitas in Eo qui est omnium vera Salus. Datum apud Rykhale, ix°. die Julii, anno Domini millesimo ccc^mo^. duodecimo, et pontificatus nostri secundo.

Collation to a prebend in the collegiate church of Auckland.

Collatio præbendæ de Aukeland Thomæ de Novel Haya.

Ricardus, permissione divina, Dunolmensis episcopus, dilecto in Christo filio, domino Thomæ de Nova Haya, salutem, gratiam et benedictionem. Benevolentiam, quam serenissimus princeps et dominus noster, dominus Edwardus, Dei gratia, rex Angliæ illustris, erga personam tuam gerens, ad obtinendum beneficium ecclesiasticum, ad nostram spectans collationem, ratione creationis nostræ in episcopum, te præ cæteris nominavit, plenius attendentes, canonicatum et præbendam in ecclesia collegiata de Aukeland', nostræ diœcesis, quæ nuper, per mortem domini Johannis de Berewyk', vacaverunt, et quas magister Johannes de Snaynton', ex collatione nostra, postmodum obtinuit in eadem, per resignationem ejusdem vacantes, et ad nostram collationem spectantes, cum omnibus juribus et pertinentiis suis, ad instantiam domini nostri regis, ratione dictæ

An. Episc. 2. nominationis, tibi conferimus per præsentes. In cujus rei testimonium, etc. Datum apud Rykhal, xij°. die Julii, anno Domini, etc. [M°.CCC^mo.] xij°., et pontificatus nostri secundo. A.D. 1312.

Pensio. Ricardus, permissione divina, etc., dilecto in Christo clerico, magistro Johanni de Snaynton', salutem, etc. Sollicita obsequia, utilia et accepta, quæ nobis et ecclesiæ nostræ Dunolmensi multotiens hactenus exhibuistis, et continuatis studiis exhibere studes, et incessanter vigilas impendere fructuose, nos excitant, alliciunt et hortantur, ut te nostræ provisionis, et debitæ retributionis, expertem relinquere minime debeamus, cum virtus vilescere videatur, si benemeritis digna retributio denegetur; retroacta igitur tuæ sollicitudinis obsequia latius attendentes, indubieque sperantes, per tuæ circumspectionis industriam et laborem, nobis et ecclesiæ nostræ prædictæ utilia posse, et commoda plurima, provenire, annuam pensionem xx. *li.*, in festis Sancti Martini in hieme, et Pentecostes, per æquales portiones, apud Dunolmum, de nostra camera persolvendarum, tibi concedimus, usquequo tibi per nos de beneficio ecclesiastico, quod acceptandum duxeris, sit provisum; præsentesque literas, in præmissorum testimonium, tibi fieri, nostroque sigillo fecimus communiri. Datum apud Rykhal', xv°. die Julii, anno, etc. [M°.CCC^mo.] xij°. Grant of an annual pension of 20*l.* until the grantee is provided with an acceptable ecclesiastical benefice.

Excommunicatio pro fractione parcorum. Ricardus, permissione divina, etc., dilecto filio, capellano parochialis ecclesiæ de Creyk', salutem, gratiam et benedictionem. Cum nonnulli iniquitatis filii, dictæ parochiæ et alii, suæ salutis immemores, feras nostras in parco nostro de Crayk', ad ecclesiam nostram Dunolmensem spectante, propria temeritate, sine consensu et assensu nostro, palam et occulte ceperunt, asportarunt, capiunt et asportant, de eisdem largitiones faciunt, pro suæ Mandate to pronounce sentence of excommunication against the depredators of the bishop's park at Crayk.

A.D. 1312. libito voluntatis, in nostrum præjudicium, et contemptum ecclesiasticæ libertatis; propter quod majoris excommunicationis sententiam, a sanctis patribus contra hujusmodi malefactores provide promulgatam, ipso facto damnabiliter incurrerunt, et adhuc in eadem persistunt, animis induratis; vobis injungimus et mandamus, sub pœna excommunicationis majoris, quatinus omnes hujusmodi malefactores, et eorum fautores, eisdem consentientes in hoc facinore, et consilium vel auxilium ad hoc præbentes, in ecclesia parochiali de Creyk', singulis diebus Dominicis et festivis, accensis candelis, intra missarum solemnia, sic excommunicatos publice nuncietis; a denunciatione hujusmodi non cessantes, donec aliud a nobis habueritis in mandatis, et absolutionis beneficium prædicti malefactores, in forma juris, meruerint obtinere; quorum absolutionem nobis, vel commissariis nostris in hac parte, reservamus; monentes omnes et singulos parochianos ecclesiæ prædictæ, quod de cætero feras nostras non capiant tacite, palam, vel occulte, nec captoribus consentiant, consilium nec auxilium præbeant, quoquo modo, sub pœna excommunicationis prædicta; quam, si contra fecerint, non est dubium eos incurrere ipso facto. Datum apud Rikhal', xv°. die Julii. An. Episc. 2.

Mandate to give possession of the tithes of the reclaimed wastes of Gatesheved to the warden of the hospital of St. Giles Kypyer.

Inductio in decimis novalium de Gatesheved.

Ricardus, permissione divina, etc., dilectis filiis, Johanni de Pollowe, sequestratori nostro, et magistro Willelmo de Kellawe, salutem, gratiam et benedictionem. Quia custodiam sequestri decimarum vastorum de Gatesheved, carissimo nostro fratri, Hugoni de Monte Alto, custodi Hospitalis Sancti Ægidii de Kypyer, duximus committendam, vobis mandamus, quatenus præfatum dominum Hugonem, vel procuratorem suum, suo nomine, in corporalem possessionem decimarum hujusmodi inducatis, et inductum defendatis, contradictores et rebelles censura ecclesiastica compescentes; ad quæ, vices nostras vobis com-

An. Episc. 2. mittimus, conjunctim et divisim, per præsentes. Datum apud Rykele, xvij°. die Julii, pontificatus nostri anno secundo. A.D. 1312.

Mandate to the dean of Aukeland, to give possession of the prebend which John de Berwyk held, to Thomas de Nova Haya.

Memorandum.— Quod xxiiij^to. die Julii, anno Domini, etc. [M°.ccc^mo.] xij°., mandatum fuit decano de Aukeland', vel ejus locum tenenti, quod dominum Thomam de Nova Haya, vel ejus procuratorem, in corporalem possessionem canonicatus et præbendæ, qui fuerunt quondam domini Johannis de Berwyk', induceret, et inductum defenderet.

Request to Guy, earl of Warwyk, that he will contribute in return for the immunity enjoyed by Bernard Castle, to the collection made for buying off Robert de Brus.

[1] A noble homme et sage, et de grant honour, monsire Guy, counte de Warwik', Richard, par la suffrance de Deu, evesque de Duresme, et quant qu'il poet de bones priers, ove touz honours et reverencz. Sire cher, por coe qe le priour de Duresme, et les bones genz de nostre evesche, por commune assent, tant com nous esteuncs a Londres feisant frett' pur un certeine soume de deniers a sire Robert de Brus et soens, qui, sanz nuly esperner, volaint aver ars et destruytes tut le pais environ, par quele frette vostre pais de Chastel Bernard fust sauve, et vos genz dudit pais au paiement du dit frette, (et tut furent par coe de totes damages gardez,) ne volont aider ne doner; vous prioms chargement et requeroms, que a vostre conestable du Chastel Bernard, et as bones genz du wapentake de Sadberge, voillez escrivre, et mander que por le dit pais facent eydement, comme nous et touz les autres du pais fesoms, et avoms fet, au paiement du dit frette. Et si riens voillez que faire poms fictablement nous voillez commander. Nostre Signour vous sauve et garde en bone vie et longe par sa mercie. Done a Midelham, le xj. jour de Novembre, l'an de nostre [Evesche] secunde.

[1] Schedule inserted after f. 52.

A.D. 1312. f. 54.[1] Appointment of a keeper of the bishop's houses "en le Charryng," near London.

Commissio manerii domini episcopi in London.

Christi fidelibus pateat universis, quod nos, Ricardus, permissione divina, Dunelmensis episcopus, dilectum et fidelem nostrum, dominum Johannem Dautre, militem, facimus, ordinamus et constituimus, custodem domorum nostrarum en le Charryng', et omnium ad nos ibidem pertinentium, commissiones quascunque super hoc aliis factas, tenore præsentium, revocantes, præsentibus, usquequo eas revocandas duxerimus, valituris. Datum apud Totenham, xxv°. die Augusti, anno Domini M°.ccc^mo. duodecimo, et pontificatus nostri secundo. An. Episc. 2.

An indulgence of 40 days for praying for the healthful state of the abbot of St. Alban's during his life, and for his soul after his death.

Indulgentia pro salubri statu abbatis Sancti Albani, et pro ipsius anima.

Universis sanctæ matris ecclesiæ filiis, præsentes literas inspecturis, Ricardus, permissione divina, Dunolmensis episcopus, salutem sempiternam in Christo. Licet Is, de cujus munere venit ut a suis fidelibus digne sibi et laudabiliter serviatur, de suæ pietatis abundantia, merita supplicum excedens ad vota, bene servientibus multo majora retribuat quam valeant promereri; pontificalis tamen sollicitudinis exposcit officium, ut Christi fideles ad pie promerendum quibusdam allectivis indulgentiarum muneribus excitemus, per quod reddantur divinæ gratiæ aptiores; de Dei Omnipotentis misericordia, beatæ et gloriosæ semper Virginis Mariæ, et beatorum Petri et Pauli Apostolorum, necnon et sancti Cuthberti, patroni nostri, et omnium sanctorum meritis et precibus confidentes, omnibus parochianis nostris, et aliis, quorum dicœcesani hanc nostram indulgentiam ratam habuerint, de peccatis suis vere contritis et confessis, qui pro salubri statu domini Hugonis de Everesdon', abbatis monasterii Sancti Albani, ordinis Sancti Benedicti, Lincoln' dicœcesis, dum vixerit, et ipsius anima cum ab hac vita decesserit, et anima-

[1] A leaf is here wanting according to the old pagination. Dr. Raine also numbers this folio 54, passing on from f. 42, for the purpose of making it agree with the old paging.

An. Episc. 2. bus omnium fidelium defunctorum, necnon pro tranquillitate regis et regni Angliæ, orationem Dominicam, cum salutatione Virginis gloriosæ, dixerint pia mente, xl. dies de injuncta sibi pœnitentia misericorditer relaxamus. In cujus rei testimonium, præsentibus sigillum nostrum est appensum. Datum apud Ware, xxiij°. die Augusti, anno Domini millesimo trecentesimo duodecimo, et pontificatus nostri secundo. A.D. 1312.

Domino Johanni de Sandale.

Letter from the bishop of Durham to Sir John de Sandale, in relation to his petition to the bishop and his council.

Reverendæ discretionis viro, et amico in Domino prædilecto, domino Johanni de Sandale, Ricardus, permissione divina, Dunelmensis ecclesiæ minister humilis, votivæ salutis desiderium, in sinceris amplexibus Salvatoris. De multis et magnis impensis nobis curialitatibus et honoribus, non quantas debemus, sed quales possumus, referimus vobis gratias atque grates, si aderit opportunitas, cum promptitudine, parati vicem rependere cum usuris; cæterum, juxta id quod apud Totenham, in recessu vestro, vobis promisimus, venientes apud Eboracum, cum peritioribus de consilio nostro, super petitione vestra consilium habuimus et tractatum; qui, considerata qualitate negotii, ponderatisque periculis quæ nobis, ex oppositione nostra, poterunt verisimiliter evenire, responderunt se velle deliberare plenius, et adinvicem, cum vacaret, conferre deliberatius, antequam nobis in tanto negotio dicerent ex consilio quicquam certum; et licet diceremus eis dilationem hujusmodi damnum causæ et periculum forsitan parituram, replicarunt, quod potius elegerunt in difficultate tanti negotii, ex deliberatione consulere qua propter opere aliqui dicere vel agere, unde possent in posterum redargui, et de dato consilio pœnitere. Et sic, amice carissime, eorum et quorundam aliorum de consilio nostro, cum quibus nondum super hiis tractatum habere potuimus, exspectamus, deliberationem et consilium, ut, secundum quod per suam nos informaverint responsuram, finalis vobis responsi certitudinem

A.D. 1312. remittamus. Status vestri continentiam votivam faciat et conservet potentia Trinitatis. Datum apud Crayk', vij°. die Septembris, pontificatus nostri anno secundo. An. Episc. 2.

Letter precatory from the archbishop of York to the bishop of Durham, commanding that prayers shall be offered for the peace of the king and the realm.

Litera archiepiscopi Eboracensis pro pace regis et regni Angliæ deprecanda.

Willelmus, permissione divina, Eboracensis archiepiscopus, Angliæ primas, venerabili fratri nostro, domino Ricardo, eadem gratia, Dunelmensi episcopo, salutem et fraternam in Domino caritatem. Justus et misericors Dominus, qui quos diligit, arguit et castigat, qui vulnerat et medetur, conversus ad devotas orationes fidelium misericordiam, non iram continet, sed cum juste iratus fuerit, misericordiæ recordatur, ut pestilentiis, bellis, dissensionibus et aliis multis malis cessantibus, quibus, peccatis exigentibus, populus incessanter affligitur Christianus, afflictis con-
54 b. solationem et discordantibus, ex immensa sua bonitate tribuat unitatem. Nos itaque intimius attendentes fructum hujusmodi uberem, quem speramus, ex devotis fidelium orationibus, divinam ad hæc clementiam inclinantibus, provenire, et ob hoc cupientes in caritatis visceribus nostrorum subditorum animos ad devotionem hujusmodi, quantum possumus, commovere, præcipue cum ad hoc simus ad præsens per literas excellentissimi principis et domini nostri, regis Angliæ illustris, specialiter excitati; vobis firmiter injungendo mandamus, quatenus pro ejusdem domini nostri regis, et dominæ reginæ consortis suæ, statu salubri, ac pro pace firma et stabili inter ipsum dominum regem ac suos comites et barones, necnon pro bono regimine regni sui, tam in vestra ecclesia cathedrali, quam in cæteris collegiatis et parochialibus ecclesiis, exemptis et non exemptis, per totam vestram diœcesim constitutis, faciatis, cum summæ devotionis studio, apud Altissimum suppliciter exorari; injungentes districte, in virtute sanctæ obedientiæ, omnibus dictarum ecclesiarum ministris ac clericis, et cæteris quibuslibet officiantibus in

An. Episc. 2. eisdem, quod pro præmissis, in singulis prædictis ecclesiis, qualibet hebdomada, quarta et sexta feria, processionem, cum septem psalmis pœnitentialibus et letania, ac orationibus ad hoc convenientibus, faciant solemniter et devote; quodque presbyteri in dictis ecclesiis divina officia celebrantes, in singulis missarum solemniis, pro eisdem specialem commemorationem faciant, et orationes illas, quæ pro pace dici consueverunt, cum devotione debita, dicere non omittant. Conservet vos ecclesiæ et populo suo Deus per tempora longiora. Datum apud Marton', ij. non. Septembris, anno gratiæ M°.CCC^mo. duodecimo, et pontificatus nostri septimo. A.D. 1312.

Memorandum.— Quod xiiij°. die Septembris, anno Domini millesimo CCC^mo. duodecimo, apud Middelham, facta fuit commissio pœnitentiarii generalis fratri Rogero de Botthall', de ordine Fratrum Minorum. Memorandum, that Roger de Botthal, a Friar Minor, is appointed penitentiary general.

Indulgentia de audientibus sermonem. Christi fidelibus universis præsentes literas inspecturis, Ricardus, permissione divina, Dunolmensis episcopis, salutem in Domino. Propositum evangelicæ doctrinæ pabulum humiliter servis Dei, fœcunda multiplicatione, pii Largitoris laudes adjicit audientibus, quos ædificando erigit, nimirum proficit, et ad salutiferam cognitionem viam aperit Creatoris. Convertentes igitur intuitum ad venerandam sapientiam et conversationem laudabilem discreti viri magistri Roberti de Quigheley, sacræ theologiæ doctoris, quem ad lucrifactionem animarum et proponendum aptum cernimus verbum Dei; nos, de ejusdem Omnipotentis miti misericordia, gloriosæque Virginis Mariæ matris ipsius, Apostolorum Petri et Pauli, necnon sanctissimi confessoris Cuthberti patroni nostri, omniumque sanctorum, meritis et intercessionibus confidentes, omnibus parochianis nostris, et aliis, quorum diœcesani hanc nostram indulgentiam ratam habuerint, de peccatis suis vere contritis, pœnitentibus An indulgence of 40 days to all persons of the diocese who shall listen to the sermon of Robert de Quigheley, publicly preached.

A.D. 1312. et confessis, qui ad sermonem ejusdem magistri Roberti reverenter confluxerint, et aures eidem intentas præbuerint, dum ipsum publice prædicare, vel in publico contigerit exponere verbum Dei, quadraginta dies de injuncta sibi pœnitentia misericorditer relaxamus. In cujus rei testimonium, præsentes literas fieri, et nostro sigillo fecimus communiri. Datum apud Stoketon', sexto-decimo die Septembris, anno Domini millesimo ccc^mo^xij^o^., et pontificatus nostri secundo. An. Episc. 2.

Letter from the bishop of Durham to the archbishop of York in favour of Richard de Hoton, presented to the vicarage of Akeley.

Supplicatio. Venerabili in Christo patri, domino Willelmo, Dei gratia, Eboracensi archiepiscopo, Angliæ primati, Ricardus, eadem permissione, Dunolmensis ecclesiæ minister humilis, salutem, cum obedientia, reverentia et honore, debitis et devotis. Quia dilecti filii, prior et conventus ecclesiæ nostræ Dunolmensis, magistrum Ricardum de Hoton', acolytum, clericum nostrum familiarem, de vestra diœcesi oriundum, ad titulum vicariæ de Akeley, nostræ diœcesis, vacantis, et ad eorundem præsentationem spectantis, canonice præsentarunt; paternitatem vestram attente duximus implorandam, quatinus præfatum magistrum Ricardum ad titulum dictæ vicariæ in subdiaconum, cui ad hoc, pro eo quod de vestra diœcesi originem traxit, manus apponere non audemus, per vestrarum sacrarum manuum impositionem, dignemini promovere, vel literas dimissorias eidem concedere, in forma debita, juxta negotii qualitatem. Vos, ad regimen ecclesiæ suæ, conservet Deus per tempora prospera et longæva. Datum apud Stoketon', xix^o^. die Septembris, pontificatus nostri anno secundo.

f. 55. Memorandum of a licence granted to attend the Schools.

Memorandum.— Quod xxj^o^. die Septembris, anno Domini millesimo ccc^mo^. duodecimo, dedit dominus licentiam domino Thomæ, rectori ecclesiæ de Whittefeld, a deundi Scholas a data præsentium usque in biennium revolutum.

An. Episc. 2. Litera libertatis concessæ clerico nativo.

A.D. 1312. Grant to Walter de Heghington a scholar of Merton Hall, Oxford, to enter holy orders; notwithstanding that he is a born bondman of the bishop.

Ricardus, permissione divina, Dunolmensis episcopus, dilecto in Christo filio, Waltero de Heghington', clerico, nostræ diœcesis, salutem, etc. Quia libertatibus jura favent, maxime ut cultus augeatur divinus, tuque, in divini cultus augmentum, ascribi desideras militiæ clericali; nos, tuæ devotionis precibus favorabiliter inclinati, ut ad omnes ordines, vinculo servili, quo nobis astringeris, non obstante, licite valeas promoveri, liberam tibi, tenore præsentium, concedimus facultatem; ob favorem divini cultus, pariter et augmentum, vinculum prædictum, et jus dominii in personam tuam nobis competens, ex nunc penitus renunciantes. In cujus rei testimonium, præsentes literas tibi fieri, et nostro sigillo fecimus communiri. Datum apud Stoketon', die Sancti Matthæi Apostoli, anno Domini millesimo ccc^mo.xij°., et pontificatus nostri secundo.

Memorandum de eodem.

Letter of freedom granted to the above-mentioned Walter de Heghington.

Quod eisdem die et anno habuit magister Walterus[1] de Heghington', scholaris Aulæ de Merton' in Oxonia, quamdam literam libertatis, sub eadem forma.

Collatio Hermitagii Sancti Cuthberti super Tynam.

John called Godesman collated to the hermitage of St. Cuthbert on the Tyne, near to the bishop's park.

Ricardus, permissione divina, Dunelmensis episcopus, dilecto in Christo filio, Johanni, dicto "Godesman," salutem, gratiam et benedictionem. Tuæ conversationis honestatem, de qua laudabile nobis perhibetur testimonium, habentes in Domino commendatam, et exinde devotionis tuæ precibus favorabiliter inclinati, hermitagium Sancti Cuthberti super Tynam, prope parcum nostrum, cum omnibus suis pertinentiis, tibi concedimus, habendum quamdiu nobis placuerit, et tenendum. In cujus rei testimonium, præsentes literas tibi fieri, et nostro sigillo fecimus communiri. Datum apud Aukeland, xxviij°. die Septembris, anno Domini, M°.ccc^mo. duodecimo, et pontificatus nostri secundo.

[1] "Robertus" in MS.

A.D. 1312. Letter from the bishop to his official to levy the moiety of the goods of all ecclesiastical benefices granted to the king.

Litera missa officiali Dunolmensi pro medietate domino regi concessa levanda.

Ricardus, permissione divina, Dunolmensis episcopus, dilecto filio . . . ., officiali nostro Dunolmensi, salutem, etc. Cum nos, occasione medietatis domino regi Angliæ, patri regis qui nunc est, a clero diœcesis Dunolmensis nuper concessæ, et suis terminis, in brevibus regiis nuper nobis super hoc pluries directis assignatis, per vestram negligentiam, non levatæ, damna gravia jam sustinuerimus; et, nisi omnis ipsa medietas levata fuerit, majora dispendia verisimiliter formidemus; vobis, sub pœnis canonicis, vobis, si necesse fuerit, imponendis, injungimus firmiter et mandamus, quatenus singulas pecuniarum summas, singulas personas ecclesiasticas, et beneficia sua, in literis nostris super hoc vobis ultimo demandatis, nominata, de prædicta medietate, contingentes, sine acceptatione quarumlibet personarum, nulli omnino parcendo vel deferendo, per suspensionis, excommunicationis et interdicti, sententias, ac omnem censuram ecclesiasticam, necnon per sequestrationem, venditionem et distractionem, bonorum dictarum personarum, levari celeriter modis omnibus faciatis; invocato ad hoc, cum opus fuerit, auxilio brachii sæcularis; quia vicecomiti nostro Dunolmensi nostris dedimus alias literis in mandatis, quod vobis ad præmissorum expeditionem celerem assisteret, cum per vos super hoc fuerit requisitus; ita quod totam ipsam pecuniam habeatis quantocius paratam, nobis, cum præmuniti fueritis, plenarie persolvendam: sciturі pro certo, quod, si propter dictas pecuniarum summas non levatas, aliquod periculum amodo incurramus, ipsas de bonis vestris, quatenus sufficiant, levari faciemus; et nihilominus, contra vos per omnem censuram ecclesiasticam, pro vestro contemptu hujusmodi, quantum de jure poterimus, procedemus. Valete. Datum apud Aukeland', xxviij°. die Septembris, anno Domini, etc. [M°. ccc^mo.] xij°., et pontificatus nostri secundo. An. Episc. 2.

An. Episc. 2. Commissio super ecclesia de Whytberne.

A.D. 1312. Commission to remove Berald de Farges from the church of Whytbern, and to admit the king's nominee.

Ricardus, permissione divina, Dunolmensis episcopus, dilectis filiis, archidiaconi nostri Dunelmensis . . . officiali, et decano ecclesiæ nostræ collegiatæ de Cestr', ac rectori ecclesiæ de Brancepath', salutem, etc. Cum per inquisitionem, ad præsentationem serenissimi principis, et domini nostri, domini Edwardi, Dei gratia, regis Angliæ illustris, nobis factam de domino Willelmo de Ayremyn, clerico, ad ecclesiam de Whytbern, nostræ diœcesis, vacantem, ut asseritur, super vacatione ipsius ecclesiæ, et articulis consuetis et debitis, solemniter nuper captam, evidentissime sit compertum, quod dicta ecclesia vacat de jure, et quod dictus dominus rex Angliæ hac vice debet præsentare ad eam, ratione episcopatus Dunolmensis, tempore vacationis dictæ ecclesiæ, vacantis, et in manu ipsius regis existentis; quodque dominus Beraldus de Farges detentioni dictæ ecclesiæ, de facto incumbit; idem præsentatus dictum dominum Beraldum, eidem ecclesiæ de facto, ut præmittitur, incumbentem, postulat ab ipsa ecclesia amoveri, et ipsum præsentatum ad eam admitti, et rectorem institui canonice in eadem; nos, variis et arduis negotiis multipliciter præpediti, eidem negotio intendere non valentes, in toto dicto negotio, et illud quomodolibet contingentibus, vobis, de quorum circumspectione et industria confidimus, vices nostras committimus, cum cujuslibet coercionis canonicæ potestate. Quod si vos omnes hiis exequendis non contigerit interesse, duo, aut unus, vestrum, qui præsentes, vel præsens [fuerint seu] fuerit, ea nihilominus exequantur. Valete. Datum die, etc. supradictis. f. 55 b.

Responsum ad mandatum executorum super ecclesia de Quicham.

Answer to the mandate to the executors of the pope relative to the church of Qurcham.

Venerabilibus viris et discretis, magistris Hugoni Geraldi, cantori Petragoricensi, et Hermano de Fontibus, canonico Coloniensi, domini papæ capellanis, executoribus in subscripto negotio a sede apostolica deputatis, Ricardus, permissione divina, Dunolmensis episcopus, salutem

A.D. 1312. in Eo Qui est omnium vera salus. Mandatum vestrum, An. Episc. 2.
ultimo die mensis Junii, anno Domini millesimo ccc^mo. duodecimo, apud Creyk', Eboracensis diœcesis, recepimus in hæc verba;—In nomine Domini, etc., (quære mandatum istud supra quaterno quinto, folio penultimo, sub hoc signo ∘⸭∘.) Cum igitur, tempore receptionis mandati vestri hujusmodi, versus Parliamentum serenissimi[1] principis et domini nostri, domini Edwardi, Dei gratia, regis Angliæ illustris, in itinere constituti, ad interessendum in eodem personaliter, pro arduis ipsius regis et totius regni sui, negotiis, sub præstito sibi fidelitatis debitæ juramento, per suas literas specialiter evocati, et semper citra fuerimus, et adhuc sumus, extra diœcesim nostram Dunolmensem, ipsius Parliamenti occasione, notorie absentes, adeo quod non potuimus executioni dicti mandati vestri, aliquo tempore post receptionem ejusdem, personaliter intendere nec vacare; quamvis dominus . . ., officialis curiæ Eboracensis, qui prius mandatum vestrum super eisdem articulis, nobis ad exequendum commissis, sub eadem data sub qua nobis scripsistis, receperat, facto sibi per nos versus dictam ecclesiam securo conductu, et ab eadem ecclesia, et ejus domibus, amota potentia laicali, eundem magistrum Ricardum in corporalem possessionem ipsius ecclesiæ induxerit, et mandatum vestrum super ipsis articulis per se et alios exequeretur, ipso sic notorie exequente, ad requisitionem et de consensu procuratoris dicti magistri Ricardi . ., officiali nostro Dunelmensi, nostris dedimus literis in mandatis, quod mandatum vestrum supradictum exequeretur debite vice nostra, coram quo, dum mandatum hujusmodi exequi inchoaret, exceptiones nullitatis, falsitatis et quædam aliæ, quæ, si veræ fuerint, debent de jure executionem hujusmodi impedire, fuerunt contra executionem ipsam, ex parte dictorum magistri Roberti et aliorum, propositæ; quæ coram eodem officiali nostro, sicut per certificatorium suum recepimus

[1] This article is now wanting in MS.

An. Episc. 2. inter partes ipsas, adhuc pendent notorie indecisæ. A.D. 1312. Quæ omnia vestris reverentiis intimamus, ut super eo, quod in dicto negotio ulterius non est actum ; nos ex causis suprascriptis, si placet, habere dignemini excusatos ; cum semper parati fuerimus, et adhuc sumus, ac erimus, quantum in nobis est, exequi et facere in hac parte omnia quæ incumbunt. In quorum testimonium, sigillum nostrum præsentibus duximus apponendum. Datum apud Rykhale, sexto die Septembris, anno Domini ccc^mo^.xij^o^., et pontificatus nostri secundo.

Indulgentia pro fabrica ecclesiæ Beati Petri, Eboraci.

Indulgence of 40 days granted to those contributing to the fabric of the church of St. Peter at York.

Ricardus, permissione divina, Dunelmensis episcopus, dilectis in Christo filiis, abbatibus, prioribus, archidiaconis et officialibus Dunelmensibus, ac decanis ruralibus, rectoribus, vicariis, presbyteris parochianis et in capellis divina celebrantibus, necnon aliis universis ecclesiarum prælatis, tam exemptis, quam non exemptis, per civitatem et diœcesim Dunelmensem constitutis, salutem in amplexibus Salvatoris. Inter cætera piæ devotionis opera, id in conspectu Altissimi credimus fore gratum, quod ad constructionem, sustentationem et reparationem, ecclesiarum gratiose convertitur, quæ tanquam sancta et salubria in terris habitacula, fideles ad orandum recipiunt, et ad impetrandum, in fide sacramenti altaris, quod, pro salute credentium, in ara Dominica, sacrorum quotidiano ministerio sacerdotum, offertur, speratam veniam, placato Domino de peccatis. Cum itaque ecclesia Beati Petri, Eboraci, metropolitica, sit adeo in præsenti diruta et prostrata, ac structura tam nobili sit incepta, ut eam affectemus feliciter consummari, ad quod novimus fidelium subsidium opportunum ; universitatem vestram studiose rogamus, monemus, et in Domino exhortamur, vobis omnibus et singulis nihilominus, in remissionem peccaminum, et in virtute sanctæ obedientiæ, firmiter injungentes, quatenus, quotienscunque procuratores seu nuncii fabricæ ecclesiæ Beati Petri Eboraci, per capitulum Eboracense deputati, cum ejusdem capituli literis,

A.D. 1312. ad vos accesserint, fidelium eleemosynas, ad eam sump- An. Episc. 2.
tuosi operis fabricam, petituri, ipsos in hoc pio negotio, (quæstoribus ecclesiæ Dunelmensis duntaxat exceptis, quos in hujusmodi volumus anteferri,) aliis omnibus negotiis consimilibus, quousque prædictum ecclesiæ Eboracensis negotium expeditum fuerit, interim cessan-
f. 56. tibus, sine impedimento quolibet, cum favore benevolo admittatis; vestrosque parochianos et subditos, Dei et nostri intuitu, tam in celebrandis capitulis, quam in ecclesiis et capellis, quando et quotiens expedire videritis, per vos et alios inducatis, ut ad memoratæ fabricam larga conferant subsidia caritatis; illaque fideliter colligi faciatis. Et quicquid nomine prædictæ ecclesiæ collectum fuerit per vos, archidiaconos, officiales et alios inferiores prælatos, superius nominatos, seu alios deputandos a vobis, sine diminutione et retentione quibuslibet, eisdem procuratoribus, seu nunciis, persolvatis, sub pœna excommunicationis majoris, quam contravenientes poterunt, nec immerito, formidare. Nos autem, de omnipotentis Dei misericordia, et gloriosæ Virginis matris suæ, beatorum Apostolorum Petri et Pauli, necnon sanctissimi confessoris Willelmi, patroni ejusdem ecclesiæ, omniumque Sanctorum, meritis confidentes, omnibus parochianis nostris, et aliis, quorum diœcesani hanc nostram indulgentiam ratam habuerint, de peccatis suis vere contritis et confessis, qui, juxta exhortationem nostram prædictam, ecclesiam relevaverint memoratam, et de bonis sibi a Deo collatis, ad fabricam ejusdem ecclesiæ manus adjutrices porrexerint, seu ad id alios induxerint, xl. dies de injuncta sibi pœnitentia, Deo propitio, misericorditer relaxamus. In cujus rei testimonium, sigillum nostrum præsentibus appenditur, tantummodo duraturis donec eas duxerimus revocandas. Datum, etc., ultimo die Septembris, anno Domini M°.ccc^mo.xj°., et pontificatus nostri secundo.

Appointment of Matthew Dauney as steward in

Commissio ballivi de Hoveden'.

Ricardus, permissione divina, Dunelmensis episcopus, dilectis et fidelibus suis, abbatibus, prioribus, militibus, libere tenentibus,

An. Episc. 2. et villanis de Hovedeneshire constitutis, salutem. A.D. 1312. Hoveden and Hovedenshire. Quia dilectum et fidelem nostrum Matthæum Dauney in Hoveden et Hovedeneshire senescallum nostrum fecimus et ballivum; vobis omnibus et singulis injungimus et mandamus, quatenus in omnibus, quæ ad nos illis in partibus pertinent, seu pertinere debent, quovis modo, eidem, ut senescallo et ballivo, nostro, sitis, ut convenit, intendentes, donec super hoc aliud vobis duxerimus demandandum. In cujus rei testimonium, præsentes literas dicto Matthæo fieri, et nostro sigillo fecimus communiri. Datum apud Stoketon', iij°. die Octobris, anno Domini M°.ccc^mo. duodecimo, et pontificatus nostri secundo.

Super eodem. Ricardus, etc., Alexandro de Bergh', salutem. Quia dilectum et fidelem nostrum Matthæum Dauney, in Hoveden' et Hovedeneshire senescallum nostrum fecimus et ballivum, vobis mandamus, quatenus rotulos et alia omnia, quæ penes vos habetis, per quæ de hiis quæ ad dictam ballivam pertinent, melius poterit informari, eidem, sine morâ dispendio, faciatis integraliter liberari. Valete. Datum apud Stoketon', die et anno supradictis.

Mandate to Alexander de Bergh' to deliver up to Matthew Dauney the rolls and all other things pertaining to the stewardship of Hoveden and Hovedenshire.

Citatio prioris Dunolmensis et archidiaconi Dunolmensis. Ricardus, permissione divina, Dunolmensis episcopus, dilecto filio, decano Christianitatis Dunolmensi, salutem, gratiam et benedictionem. Tenore præsentium, vobis committimus et mandamus, quatenus peremptorie citetis dominos priorem et conventum ecclesiæ nostræ Dunolmensis, ac archidiaconum nostrum Dunolmensem, quod sufficienter et legitime compareant, coram nobis, die Veneris, proxima ante festum Sanctorum Simonis et Judæ Apostolorum, ubicunque tunc fuerimus in nostra diœcesi, in causa, seu negotio, quæ, vel quod, inter eos coram nobis vertitur, seu verti speratur, super jurisdictione archidiaconali, et ejusdem jurisdictionis exer-

Mandate for the prior and convent of Durham, and the archdeacon of Durham, to appear before the bishop concerning the jurisdiction exercised by the prior and convent within the archdeaconry.

A.D. 1312. citio in eccleaiis, quas iidem prior et conventus, infra archidiaconatum nostrum Dunolmensem, obtinent, et super omnibus ea quomodolibet contingentibus, secundum vim, formam et effectum compositionis et condicti, coram nobis, inter ipsos dudum habiti, processuri, exhibituri, proposituri, ostensuri, et facturi, per omnia, quod, secundum qualitatem et naturam ipsius causæ, seu negotii justitia suadebit. Et certificetis nos, eisdem die et loco, de hiis, quæ in præmissis feceritis, dilucide et aperte, per vestras patentes literas, harum seriem continentes. Datum apud Stoketon', quinto die mensis Octobris, anno Domini millesimo ccc°.xij°., et pontificatus nostri secundo. An. Episc. 2.

Memorandum of a truce between Robert, king of Scotland, and the commonalty of the bishopric of Durham, between the Tyne and the Tees.

[1] Faite a remembrer, que le xvj. jour du mois d'August, l'an de grace millisme, trecentisme et duzime, accorde feut et assentu, et par bone foi estable, entre le noble prince monsire Robert, par la grace de Dieu, roi d'Escoce, de une part, et les gentz de la comunalte del evesche de Duresme, entre Tyne et Teyse, par monsire Richard Marmeduke, William de Denum, Gilbert Gategange, et Johan de Alainsheles, messengers ordinez de par la mesme comunalte, de treiter et assentir, sour suffrance de guerre.—Ceste a savoir, que le dit roi ad otreie, por lui et touz les
f. 56 b. suens, et ses aherdauntz, as dites gentz, une suffrance de guerre et treve, du dite xvj. jour d'Auste tant que la feste de la Nativite de Saint Johan le Baptiste, prochein avenir, a durer por une summe de avoir, dont quatre centz et cinquant mars sunt apres a paier, a la feste de Seint Michel prochein avenir, sancz delay. Et si aveigne, que les ditz deners ne soient paiez, en l'abbeie de Holmecoltran', ou aillours, al dit roi, ou a son attourne portant sa lettre de acquitance, a la feste avant dit, ou devant, que de cel oure enavant la dite

[1] No marginal Note in the MS.

An. Episc. 2. suffrance et treve soient rompuz, fraintz, et por nule tenuz, et de toutes defaite. Et si mesfeseurs d'Escoce entrent le dit evesche, por mal faire, bien list a les dites gentz, de eux par force arresteer. Et que les gentz de la dite comunalte, ne se leverunt de guerre contre le dit roi d'Escoce, ne encontre les suens deinz son poer, ove nule homme, fors ove le roi d'Engleterre, ou ascun que avera roial poer, et s'il le facent, ove le dit roi, ou ove nul autre, de lours soit la dite treve voide et por nule tenuz. En tesmoignance de quele chose, a la partie de ceste endenture, vers le dite roy demorantz, les ditz Richard, William, Gilbert, et Johan ount mis lour seals, et al autre partie de cele endenture,[m] demoraunt vers les gentz de la dite comunalte, le dit roi ad mis son prive seal. Done a Hextildeham, le jour et l'an avantditz. A.D. 1312.

Provocatio domini. A challenge by the bishop to all persons to contest his rights, temporal as well as spiritual, if they have any claim so to do.

In nomine Domini, Amen. Anno, a Nativitate ejusdem, millesimo trecentesimo duodecimo, indictione decima, mensis Septembris die vicesimo octavo, venerabilis in Christo pater, et dominus, Ricardus, Dei gratia, Dunolmensis episcopus, in manerio suo Auckland' existens, in camera sua ibidem, sacrosanctam sedem apostolicam, in præsentia mei, infrascripti notarii, et testium subscriptorum, provocavit et appellavit, eandemque provocationem et appellationem, iterato in camera sua apud Stoketon', in mei similiter, notarii infrascripti, et testium subscriptorum, præsentia, mensis Octobris die septimo, anno et indictione prænotatis, innovavit, et de novo interposuit, et apostolos petiit, sub hac forma:—In Dei nomine, Amen. Licet totalis jurisdictio temporalis, et jura regalia, tam apud Norham, quod est notorie in Marchia Scotiæ, quam apud Dunolmum, in libertate Dunolmensi, ac spiritualis, in tota diœcesi Dunolmensi, terræ Scotiæ notorie vicina, ad ecclesiam Dunolmensem cathedralem, et ad nos, Ricardum, permissione divina, Dunolmensem

A.D. 1312. episcopum, jure ipsius ecclesiæ nostræ, pertineat, ut est notum, sicque ex debito professionis nostræ, et præstiti vinculo juramenti, tam consecrationis nostræ, quam receptionis temporalium, inde a serenissimo principe et domino nostro, domino Edwardo, Dei gratia, rege Angliæ illustri tempore, ad defensionem ipsarum partium, tam in spiritualibus, quam in temporalibus notorie teneamur; gensque perfida Scotorum dictas partes, propter nostram absentiam, nobis in Parliamento dicti domini nostri regis, ad id vocatis et necessario constitutis, indefensas notorie, cum magno exercitu ingressi, personas, tam ecclesiasticas, quam sæculares, quas apprehendere poterant, nisi ipsorum vitam, per infinitas pecuniarum summas, redimere possent, occiderunt, non parcendo sexui vel ætati, ecclesias, villas et oppida, combusserunt, ipsaque loca deprædarunt, et mala infinita, quæ relatui non subjicent, perpetrarunt; ipsaque gens eadem, et alii iniquitatis alumni, et notorii malefactores, in vicinio dictorum locorum, in magna multitudine, tam armatorum equitum, quam peditum existentes, se parant indies, ad perpetrandum in locis dictarum partium, ubi aliqua remanent non destructa, consimilia, vel pejora; in tantum, quod nisi per nos defensio et competens remedium, per nostram præsentiam apponatur, exterminium finale totius civitatis et diœcesis nostrarum Dunolmensium notorie imminet in præsenti; venerabiles, tamen, patres eximiæ discretionis, et prudentiæ domini, dominus Arnaldus, Dei gratia, tituli Sanctæ Priscæ presbyter cardinalis, sanctæ Romanæ ecclesiæ vice-cancellarius, et Arnaldus, eadem gratia, episcopus Pictavensis domini papæ camerarius, sanctæ sedis apostolicæ, per ipsum dominum nostrum papam nuncii et in Angliam missi speciales, præmissorum omnium conscii, et non ignari, nos, Ricardum Dunolmensem episcopum supradictum, ad comparendum et interessendum, coram eis Londoniis, in termino nimis brevi et peremptorio, nulla abbreviationis causa præ- An. Episc. 2.

An. Episc. 2. tensa, jam de novo citarunt, in nostrum præjudicium et gravamen; cum, ex causis præmissis, et nonnullis, aliis legitimis, a nostris libertate et diœcesi Dunolmensibus absentari minime valeamus: unde, nos, Ricardus, episcopus supradictus, sentiens nos, ex præmissis et eorum quolibet, per prædictos patres, et domini nostri papæ nuncios, indebite prægravari, ad sacrosanctam sedem apostolicam, in hiis scriptis, appellamus, et apostolos instanter petimus; et iterum petimus, cum effectu, metuentes, quod ex præmissis et aliis probabilibus et verisimilibus conjecturis, nobis posset per ipsos generari præjudicium in futurum, ne ipsi, aut eorum alter, seu quivis alius ipsorum, vel alterius eorum, vice, nomine, vel mandato, in nostrum, nobisve adhærentium, præjudicium, quicquam grave, durum, pœnale, sive præjudiciale, faciant vel attentent, faciat vel attentet, monendo, citando, suspendendo, excommunicando, interdicendo, sequestrando, decernendo, statuendo, exequendo, aut quovis alio modo gravando, ad dictam sedem apostolicam sacrosanctam, in hiis scriptis, provocamus et appellamus, ac apostolos, quatenus de jure tenemur, instanter petimus, et iterum petimus, cum effectu, subjicientes nos, statum nostrum, et ecclesiam nostram, ac omnes nobis adhærentes, et adhærere volentes, necnon omnia et singula, ad nos, vel aliquem nostrum, quomodolibet pertinentia, protectioni et defensioni sedis apostolicæ supradictæ.— Interposita, et etiam innovata fuit provocatio et appellatio, supradicta, ut præmittitur, anno, indictione, mensibus, diebus et locis prænotatis, præsentibus, apud Aukeland, fratre Willelmo de Gisburn', monacho Dunolmensi, magistro Ricardo de Eryum, domini episcopi Dunolmensis officiali, et magistro Ricardo de Ganio, publico apostolica et imperiali auctoritate notario, et apud Stoketon, magistro Johanne de Insula, rectore ecclesiæ de Boldon', Dunolmensis diœcesis, juris civilis professore, dicto magistro Ricardo, officiali, et Johanne

A.D. 1312.

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A.D. 1312. de Haverington', clericis, testibus ad præmissa vocatis specialiter, et rogatis. Et ego Andreas, quondam Guilielmi de Tang' clericus, Eboracensis diœcesis sacrosanctæ sedis apostolicæ publicus auctoritate notarius, qui præmissis, una cum dictis testibus, interfui, eaque sic fieri vidi et audivi, rogatus, super hiis præsens feci publicum instrumentum, et, in formam publicam redactum, signo meo consueto signavi, in fidem et testimonium præmissorum. An. Episc. 2.

Commission to levy contributions for the defence of the see.

Commissio pro contributione facienda.

Ricardus, permissione divina, Dunolmensis episcopus, dilectis filiis, . . archidiaconi nostri Northumbriæ . . officiali, ac de Bolom et de Bothale ecclesiarum rectoribus, salutem, gratiam et benedictionem. Ad tractandum cum clero archidiaconatus nostri Northumbriæ, super negotiis defensionem ecclesiæ nostræ Dunelmensis, et membrorum suorum, ac communitatem ipsius cleri contingentibus; necnon ad ordinandum de contributione et subsidio, ad expeditionem ipsorum negotiorum, prout opportunum fuerit, faciendis; et ad interponendum et fulminandum decreta et sententias, in hac parte, ac ad compellendum personas ecclesiasticas quascunque, de clero prædicto, ad solutionem et satisfactionem contributionis et subsidii hujusmodi, prout ordinatum fuerit, vel consensum, per censuras ecclesiasticas qualescunque; et ad faciendum omnia et singula, quæ in hac parte necessaria, vel opportuna, fuerint, vobis, de quorum circumspectionis industria ad plenum confidimus, vices nostras, conjunctim et divisim, committimus, cum cujuslibet coercionis canonicæ potestate. Valete. Datum apud Stoketon', xj°. die Octobris, anno Domini M°.ccc^mo.xij°., et pontificatus nostri secundo.

Recital of a dispensation by pope Clement V. for a defect

Dispensatio super defectu natalium.

Ricardus, permissione divina, Dunelmensis episcopus, dilacto in Christo filio, Petro Rogeri de Beaulieu, clerico, nostræ diœcesis,

An. Episc. 2. salutem, gratiam et benedictionem. Literas sanctissimi patris et domini, domini Clementis papæ V., quas nobis nuper præsentasti, non abolitas, non cancellatas, nec in aliqua sui parte vitiatas, recepimus et inspeximus, in hæc verba :—Clemens, episcopus, servus servorum Dei, venerabili fratri, episcopo Dunelmensi, salutem et apostolicam benedictionem. Accedens ad præsentiam nostram, dilectus filius Petrus Rogeri de Beaulieu, clericus, tuæ diœcesis, nobis humiliter supplicavit, ut cum eo, super defectu natalium, quem patitur, de soluto genitus et soluta, quod, hujusmodi non obstante defectu, possit ad omnes ordines promoveri, et beneficium ecclesiasticum obtinere, etiamsi curam habeat animarum, dispensare misericorditer curaremus ; ad te, igitur, remittentes eundem, fraternitati tuæ, per apostolica scripta mandamus, quatinus, consideratis diligenter circumstantiis universis, quæ circa idoneitatem personæ fuerint attendendæ, si paternæ non est incontinentiæ imitator, sed bonæ conversationis et vitæ, (super quibus tuam intendimus conscientiam onerare,) aliasque sibi merita suffragantur, ad dispensationis gratiam obtinendam secum, super præmissis, auctoritate nostra, dispenses, prout, secundum Deum, animæ suæ saluti videris expedire. Ita tamen, quod idem clericus, prout requirit, [quoad] onus beneficii, quod eum, post dispensationem hujusmodi, obtinere contigerit, se faciat ad ordines statutis temporibus promoveri, et personaliter resideat in eodem. Alioquin hujusmodi gratia, quoad beneficium ipsum, nullius penitus sit momenti. Datum Viennæ, xvij°. kalendas Novembris, pontificatus nostri anno sexto.—Præmissi igitur auctoritate mandati, facta inquisitione diligenti, super conditionibus, moribus, vita et conversatione, ac cæteris circumstantiis, f. 57 b. quæ circa idoneitatem personæ tuæ fuerint attendendæ, cum nobis constiterit sufficienter, quod honestæ conversationis, et bene morigeratus existis, nec es paternæ incontinentiæ imitator, et ad dispensationis gratiam

A.D. 1312. of parentage in a priest.

A.D. 1312. obtinendam alias tibi merita suffragantur, tecum, non obstante defectu natalium supradicto, quem pateris, de soluto genitus et soluta, prout hoc nobis innotuit evidenter, [quod] possis ad omnes ordines promoveri, ac beneficium ecclesiasticum obtinere, etiamsi curam habeat animarum, auctoritate apostolica, nobis in hac parte commissa, et secundum ipsius formam, superius annotatam, misericorditer dispensamus, [et] has literas nostras patentes tibi concedimus, in testimonium præmissorum. Et hæc omnibus et singulis, quorum interest, vel interesse poterit, significamus. Datum apud Stoketon', xiiij°. die Octobris, anno Domini millesimo, ccc^mo. undecimo, et pontificatus nostri secundo. An. Episc. 2.

Absolution, by the pope's penitentiary, of Henry Wyld, for irregularities.

Absolutio domini Henrici Wyld super irregularitate.

Universis sanctæ matris ecclesiæ filiis, præsentes literas inspecturis, quos præsens negotium contingit, vel contingere poterit in futurum, Ricardus, permissione divina, Dunelmensis episcopus, salutem in sinceris amplexibus Redemptoris. Noveritis nos recepisse literas domini Berengarii, Tusculanensis episcopi, domini papæ pœnitentiarii, in hæc verba :—Venerabili in Christo patri . ., Dei gratia, episcopo Dunelmensi, vel ejus vicario in spiritualibus, Berengarius, miseratione divina, Tusculanus episcopus, salutem et sinceram, in Domino, caritatem. Sua nobis frater Henricus Wyld, presbyter, monachus monasterii Dunelmensis, ordinis Sancti Benedicti, Dunelmensis diœcesis, lator præsentium, petitione monstravit, quod ipse, olim a priore suo vocatus, timens ex cæteris causis, ad suam præsentiam non accessit ; propter quod, dictus prior in eum excommunicationis sententiam promulgavit, a qua tamen sententia ad sedem apostolicam monachus appellavit præfatus ; ac de hujusmodi appellatione confisus, non tamen in contemptum clavium, sed per simplicitatem et juris ignorantiam, divina celebravit officia, et alias se ingessit divinis ; super quibus, sedem apostolicam adiens, supplicavit humiliter

An. Episc. 2. sibi per eam misericorditer provideri. Nos, igitur, auc- A.D. 1312.
toritate domini papæ, cujus pœnitentiariæ curam gerimus, providentiæ vestræ committimus, cum proprium priorem, ex certis causis, suspectum habeat, quatenus postquam a dicta excommunicationis sententia rite extiterit absolutus, ipsius, culpa considerata, injungatis ei pœnitentiam salutarem, eoque ad tempus, prout expedire videritis, a suorum ordinum executione suspenso, demum suffragantibus sibi meritis, alioque canonico non obstante, cum ipso super irregularitate inde contracta, auctoritate prædicta, misericorditer dispensetis. Datum apud Lercium, Amonensis[1] diœcesis, viij. Idus Junii, pontificatus domini Clementis papæ V. anno sexto.— Nos igitur, ne, propter absolutionem vel dispensationem hujusmodi nimis repentine eidem fratri Henrico impensas, possemus redargui, dictum . . . priorem nostrum Dunelmensem, citavimus, quod, certis die et loco, coram nobis compareret, propositurus si quid contra absolutionem vel dispensationem hujusmodi habuerat proponendum. Et demum literis dicti prioris nostri, eisdem die et loco, in nostra præsentia, exhibitis, continentibus, quod placuit sibi quod hujusmodi absolutionis et dispensationis beneficium eidem fratri Henrico impenderemus, procurator ipsius fratris Henrici, legitime coram nobis constitutus, eundem dominum suum absolvi, et ad executionem contentorum in dicti domini Berengarii literis ulterius procedi, nobis humiliter, cum debita instantia, postulavit. Unde nos, recepto ab eodem procuratore, in hac parte, sufficientem et specialem potestatem habente, solito juramento, eundem fratrem Henricum ab omnibus et singulis sententiis, de quibus in supradictis literis fit mentio, auctoritate prædicta, in forma juris, absolvimus, eidemque injunximus pœnitentiam salutarem, ac ipsum a suorum ordinum executione, usque ad tempus jam

[1] *Amonensis*] Avinionensis?

A.D. 1312. effluxum, suspendimus, et, quod nobis legitime constat, An. Episc. 2. eidem fratri Henrico merita suffragari, ac nullum canonicum obstare eidem, secum, super irregularitate de qua supra scribitur, auctoritate præmissa tenore præsentium, misericorditer dispensamus. Quæ omnia et singula vobis innotescimus per præsentes. Valete. Datum apud Langcestr', iiij. id. Novembris, anno Domini M°.ccc^mo. duodecimo.

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f. 59. Relative to the excommunication of Stephen de Mauley. facere specialem, canonica tum et præbendam ejusdem ecclesiæ, tunc apud sedem apostolicam vacantis, per promotionem et consecrationem, bonæ memoriæ, domini Giffredi, episcopi Parinensis, cum plenitudine juris canonici, ac omnibus juribus et pertinentiis suis, auctoritate apostolica, eidem domino Johanni contulit, et providit etiam de eisdem; decernentes extunc irritum et inane, si secus super hiis a quoquam contingeret attentari, nobis et quibusdam aliis nostris in hac parte collegis, eidem domino Johanni super hiis executoribus deputatis. Nos, autem, volentes mandatum apostolicum exequi reverenter, eundem dominum Johannem in canonicatus et præbendæ prædictæ possessionem, in quantum, prout, ex forma literarum prædictarum, potuimus, induximus corporalem; monentes decanum et capitulum, ac singulos canonicos ejusdem, ecclesiæ, eisque, auctoritate apostolica, nobis in hac parte commissa, mandantes, communiter et divisim, [eisdem] ut, infra certum terminum, a vobis præfixum, præfatum dominum Johannem, vel procuratorem suum, ejus nomine, reciperent ad præbendam prædictam, in eorum et dictæ ecclesiæ canonicum et fratrem; sibique, vel dicto procuratori, pro eo, de ipsorum canonicatus et præbendæ fructibus, redditibus, proventibus, juribus et

[1] There is a leaf [folio 58] missing here, apparently lost since the ancient foliation, at the top of the pages, was made.

An. Episc. 2. obventionibus, universis, integre responderent; in contradictores et rebelles, qui, quoquo modo, eidem domino Johanni impedimentum interponerent, per se vel alios, publice vel occulte, quominus hujusmodi gratia, seu provisio, eidem domino Johanni facta, debitum sortiretur effectum, et in omnes impedientes ipsum, quominus canonicatum et præbendam prædictos libere assequeretur et pacifice possideret, ac impedientibus ipsum dantes auxilium, consilium vel favorem, publice vel occulte, necnon in dantes et recipientes et retinentes, canonicatum et præbendam prædictos, aut aliquod jus pertinens ad eosdem, cujuscunque forent præeminentiæ, dignitatis aut status, extunc canonica monitione præmissa, excommunicationis in scriptis sententiam proferentes; prout hæc omnia in apostolicis literis eidem domino Johanni concessis, nostroque processu super hiis habito, plenius et seriosius continentur. Et licet literæ apostolicæ, et processus noster hujusmodi, prædictis decano et capitulo et aliis quorum intererat fuerint denunciatæ et solemniter publicatæ, per subdelegatos nostros, quibus tunc vices nostras super hiis commisimus, donec ad nos revocaremus easdem, sicut plenarie nobis constat, tamen, sicut idem dominus Johannes, canonicus prælibatus, nobis exposuit, dominus Stephanus de Malolacu, archidiaconus Clivelandiæ, in ecclesia Eboracensi prædicta, monitiones et mandata, et sententias, nostra, quin potius, apostolica vilipendens, eosdem canonicatum et præbendam, ipsi domino Johanni, ut præmittitur, collatos, de facto, cum de jure nequeunt aboleri, occupavit et detinet occupatos, fructus percipiens ex eisdem, non permittens eundem canonicum illorum pacifica possessione gaudere, in animæ suæ periculum, ecclesiasticæ disciplinæ contemptum, dictique canonici præjudicium non modicum et gravamen. Quare idem canonicus sibi super hiis a nobis petiit de opportuno remedio, cum instantia, provideri. Nos itaque suæ petitioni, utpote juri consonæ, annuentes ac nolentes quod idem dominus Stephanus de hujusmodi A.D. 1312.

A.D. 1312. sua inobedientia, rebellione et contumacia, glorietur, An. Episc. 2.
vobis et vestrum cuilibet, præsentium tenore committimus, vobisque, domine episcope, sub interdicti ab ingressu ecclesiæ, vobisque, domine prior, sub excommunicationis, pœnis, quas in vos, et vestrum quemlibet, ferimus in hiis scriptis, et vos, et vestrum quemlibet incurrere volumus ipso facto, si mandatis nostris hujusmodi, quin potius, apostolicis, non parueritis cum effectu, districte præcipimus et mandamus, quatenus vos, vel alter vestrum, qui super hoc requisitus fuerit, præfatum dominum Stephanum de Malolacu, quem reputamus et decernimus prædictam nostram excommunicationis sententiam damnabiliter incurrisse, infra sex dies a notificatione præsentium vobis facta, quorum duos pro primo, duos pro secundo, et reliquos duos pro tertio et peremptorio termino, vobis et vestrum[1] cuilibet assignamus, immediate sequentes, singulis diebus Dominicis et festivis, dum Missarum solemnia celebrantur, coram fideli populo, in majore et prædicta Sancti Andreæ ecclesia, ac aliis ecclesiis civitatis et diœcesis Dunolmensis, in quibus expedire videbitis, pulsatis campanis et candelis accensis, tamdiu excommunicatum publice nuncietis, quousque ecclesiæ Romanæ et nostris super hiis venerit humiliter parere mandatis et a nobis absolutionis beneficium mereatur. Si vero ipse dominus Stephanus prædictam excommunicationis sententiam per unum mensem, a die primæ denunciationis prædictæ numerandum, pertinaciter toleret, moneatis expresse omnes et singulos, tam mares quam mulieres, amicos, vicinos, notos, domesticos et propinquos, ejusdem domini Stephani, eisque, sub excommunicationis pœna, quam in ipsos, et eorum quemlibet, si hujusmodi mandatis nostris non paruerint cum effectu, exnunc,
f. 59 b. prout extunc, ferimus in hiis scriptis, et ipsos, et eorum quemlibet, incurrere volumus ipso facto, mandetis, quod infra sex dies, quorum duos pro primo, duos pro

[1] *vestrum*] vobis in MS.

An. Episc. 2. secundo, et reliquos duos pro tertio et peremptorio termino, assignamus eisdem, a communicatione et participatione dicti domini Stephani cessent omnino; et quod nullus eidem domino Stephano, sic excommunicato, in cibo, potu, loquela, vel alio quocunque modo, participare præsumat. Si autem iidem participantes prædictam excommunicationis sententiam, per nos in eos latam, per alios sex dies, prædictos sex immediate sequentes, animo sustinuerint indurato, ipsos extunc, una cum dicto domino Stephano, singulis diebus Dominicis et festivis, pulsatis campanis et accensis candelis, in Missarum solemniis, in ecclesiis civitatis et diœcesis Dunolmensis, excommunicatos denuncietis et denunciare publice faciatis, quousque super hiis nostris, et ecclesiæ, venerit parere mandatis. In cujus rei testimonium, præsentes litteras fieri fecimus, et nostri sigilli munimine roborari. Datum Alatri, viij. id. Januarii, anno Domini millesimo trecentesimo duodecimo, Indictione decima, pontificatus domini Clementis, papæ, Quinti, anno septimo. A.D. 1312.

Provocatio domini Stephani de Malolacu.

The formal protest of Stephen de Mauley relative to the prebend in the church of St. Andrew at Auckland.

In Dei nomine, Amen. Coram vobis, reverendo patre et domino, domino Ricardo, Dei gratia, Dunelmensi episcopo, commissario speciali, ut dicitur, ad exequendum quandam sententiam, a domino Matthæo, qui se dicit abbatem ecclesiæ sæcularis Beatæ Mariæ Majoris Alatrinensis, executore ut asseritur, piæ recordationis domini Bonifacii, papæ, VIII., super provisione facienda nobili viro, domino Johanni, nato nobilis viri Rizardi Rainaldi de Alatro, ad præbendam et canonicatum in ecclesia Sancti Andreæ de Aukland', in curia Romana, per promotionem et consecrationem bonæ memoriæ domini Giffredi episcopi Parinensis, vacantes, et ad collationem dicti domini Bonifacii, auctoritate apostolica, ut dicitur, spectantes, quam, ut suggeritur, dictus dominus Bonifacius dicto domino Johanni, cum omnibus juribus suis, contulit, et etiam providebat de eadem specialiter, a sede apostolica de-

A.D. 1312. putato, contra dictum dominum Stephanum de Malolacu, dominum meum, ut asseritur, latam, ego, Johannes de Tresk', clericus, procurator dicti domini Stephani, dico et excipiendo peremptorie propono, contra sententiam dicti domini Matthæi, si quam, quod non fateor, in personam domini mei antedicti tulerit; necnon contra prædictum dominum Johannem, ad instantiam cujus dicta sententia dicitur esse et fuisse lata; necnon contra intentionem ejusdem, vim, formam, et effectum prælibatas sententiæ; necnon contra vos, dominum Ricardum, Dunelmensem episcopum, subdelegatum, ut præmittitur, dicti domini abbatis, intentionemque vestram, in hac parte, ad exequendum dictam sententiam, deputatum; quod dictam sententiam, si qua sit, executioni, auctoritate ejusdem, ut dicitur, abbatis, de jure minime demandare debetis seu potestis; nec dictum dominum Stephanum, dominum meum, virtute, seu occasione præbendæ, seu canonicatus sui, quam in ecclesia Sancti Andreæ de Aukland' collegiata, Dunelmensis diœcesis, ex collatione domini Antonii, Dei gratia, dudum episcopi Dunolmensis, legitime obtinuit, et auctoritate ordinaria eandem præbendam, cum suis juribus et pertinentiis, canonice fuerit assecutus, quæ sic libere et inconcusse possedit, et possidet in præsenti,[1] ex eo quod sic eam præbendam occupat et juste tenet, ut prætenditur, excommunicatum nunciare non possitis, nec, auctoritate ejusdem, ipsum pronunciare debeatis; pro eo, et ex eo, quod ejusdem domini abbatis potestas, seu auctoritas, exequendi negotium dicti domini Johannis, quod præmittitur, a diu est, per mortem dicti domini Giffredi', est, et extiterat, extincta et expirata; nec dictus dominus Stephanus, dominus meus, sententiam excommunicationis majoris, si qua sit, incurrere aliquo modo potuisset, ratione præbendæ, et canonicatus sui præ- An. Episc. 2.

[1] Stephen de Malolacu was presented by the King to the prebend which Gaffredus de Versano held in the Church of Auckland (Pat. 5, Edw. 2, p. 2, m. 16).

An. Episc. 2. libati, non vacantis; sed plene per eundem, tam de facto, quam de jure possessioni ejusdem legitime incumbentem, nec processum vel sententiam seu decretum, de quibus constat non amotum: licet dictus dominus abbas, nulla causæ cognitione præmissa, omni ordine juris prætermisso, dictum dominum Stephanum, dominum meum, non citatum, non convictum, nec in aliqua parte juris confessatum, nec per contumaciam absentem, decreverit, per vos, auctoritate literarum apostolicarum, per sententiam excommunicationis majoris, amovendum; de quibus literis apostolicis, auctoritate quarum procesSerat, ut asserit, nec de processu suo legitimo, seu monitionibus legitimis prætermissis, nequaquam vobis, domino episcopo prælibato, constabat, nec constat in præsenti. Quare peto, ego, Johannes de Thresk', procurator antedictus, probatis in hac parte de jure probandis, seu quacunque via juris declaratis, coram eo, coram quo ad præmissa probanda jura me arctant, seu arctare possunt, in eventu quoquomodo, executioni antedictæ sententiæ, si qua sit, per vos supersederi, dominoque meo prædicto et mihi, ejus nomine, justitiam in præmissis ferri, statui, decerni et exhiberi; protestans me velle istam exceptionem seu propositionem corrigere, si correctione indigeat et addere ad eandem, et detrahere ab eadem, pro loco et tempore opportunis, prout dicto domino meo, et mihi, videbitur in eventu expedire, juris beneficio dicto domino meo, et mihi, ejus nomine, semper salvo. A.D. 1312.

Quære aliam provocationem ejusdem domini Stephani, supra, quaterno quinto,[1] folio sexto, sub hoc signo.— f. 60.

Provocatio magistri Johannis de Botheby pro Hospitali de Gretham.

In nomine Domini, Amen. Anno ejusdem M°.ccc^mo. duodecimo, Indictione decima, xxix°. die mensis Julii, consti- Conditional appeal of John de Botheby for the hospital of Gretham.

[1] There is no *quaternus quintus*; *quaternus quartus* ends at f. 40, and *quaternus sextus* begins at f. 51, thus showing that ten leaves are wanting.

A.D. 1312. tutus personaliter in præsentia mei, notarii, et testium subscriptorum, vir discretus, magister Johannes de Botheby, magister Hospitalis de Gretham, Dunolmensis diœcesis, quamdam provocationem in scriptis interposuit, provocavit etiam, et appellavit in forma quæ sequitur :—In Dei nomine, Amen. Quia ego, Johannes de Botheby, clericus, magister Hospitalis de Gretham, Dunelmensis diœcesis, ipsum Hospitale, cum ecclesia parochiali de Gretham, auctoritate diœcesana Dunelmensi et sedis apostolicæ, ex certa scientia summi pontificiis et veri patroni ejusdem ecclesiæ, sufficiente consensu interveniente, magistro et fratribus dicti hospitalis in proprios usus concessa, et eisdem canonice appropriata in forma juris, rite et legitime sum assecutus, possessioni eorundem, cum omnibus suis juribus et pertinentiis, pacifice incumbens et quiete, audivi et intellexi, quod nonnulli, minus veraciter prætendentes, ac falso et malitiose confingentes, se esse patronos ecclesiæ de Gretham antedictæ, vehementer comminantur se velle ad præfatam ecclesiam præsentare, et rectorem in eadem, minus juste, præficere et induci procurare, appropriatione prædicta non obstante; metuens et conjiciens, ex hiis et aliis verisimilibus causis et probabilibus conjecturis, mihi et fratribus antedictis, præfatoque hospitali et ecclesiæ antedictæ, præjudicium non modicum generari posse in futurum; advertens quod melius est in tempore occurrere, quam, post causam vulneratam, remedium quærere; idcirco, ne aliquis, vel aliqui, ad ecclesiam de Gretham prælibatam, quacunque machinatione cogitata, seu colore exquisito, præsentent, vel præsentet, præsentarive faciant, vel faciat, ad eandem; aut literas inquisitionis super vacatione ejusdem concedant vel concedat; seu inquiri mandent, vel mandet, inquiratve, seu inquirant, aut aliquid aliud præjudiciale seu pœnale contra me et fratres prædictos, aut hospitale sæpedictum, vel ecclesiam prædictam, attentent vel attentet, inquirendo, instituendo, inducendo, citando, suspendendo, An. Episc. 2.

An. Episc. 2. excommunicando, sequestrando, interdicendo, amovendo, seu quovis alio modo gravando, ad illum, vel ad illos, ad quem, vel ad quos, de jure, est provocandum et appellandum, in hiis scriptis provoco et appello, protestans me velle in eventu futuri gravaminis appellare, et eam prosequi, cum effectu. Lecta et interposita fuit hæc suprascripta provocatio per magistrum Johannem de Botheby supradictum, sub anno Domini, Indictione, die et mense supradictis. Præsentibus, dominis, Ada de Bedal', vicario ecclesiæ de Gretham, Ada de Malton', Ricardo de Shirburn', Ricardo de Insula, Ada de Garton' capellanis, et aliis, testibus ad præmissa vocatis, et rogatis. Et ego Ricardus, natus quondam Henrici de Gavio, clericus, Conventrensis et Lychefeldensis diœcesis, apostolica et imperiali auctoritate, notarius publicus, interpositioni et lecturæ provocationis supradictæ, in forma suprascripta factæ, una cum dictis testibus, præsens interfui, et ea omnia propria manu scripsi, rogatus, in hanc publicam formam redegi, meumque signum apposui consuetum. A.D. 1312.

Procuratorium coram nunciis domini papæ.

Appointment of proxies for the bishop to appear before the pope's nuncios.

Venerabilibus in Christo patribus, et dominis, dominis Arnaldo, Dei gratia, tituli Sanctæ Priscæ, presbytero cardinali, sanctæ Romanæ ecclesiæ vicecancellario, et Arnaldo episcopo Pictavensi, domini nostri, summi pontificis, camerario, apostolicæ sedis nunciis, suus devotus, Ricardus, miseratione divina, minister humilis ecclesiæ Dunelmensis, salutis gaudium, cum devotis ac debitis obedientia, reverentia et honore. Quia, propter necessariam defensionem episcopatus nostri, tam in temporalibus, quam in spiritualibus, contra inimicos nostros, gentem Scottorum, ad quam, jure regalitatis, quod habemus in eodem, specialiter obligamur, et circa quam in præsenti necessario occupamur, et propter alia impedimenta notoria, multipliciter præpediti, ad instantem diem,

A.D. 1312. videlicet, vij. id. mensis Octobris, Londoniis non possu- An. Episc. 2.
mus interesse personaliter, coram vobis, juxta formam citationis inde nobis factæ, dilectos nobis in Christo, magistros Gilbertum de la Bruer et Johannem de Sancto Quintino, conjunctim et divisim, ita quod non sit melior conditio occupantis, sed quod unus inceperit, alius valeat prosequi et finire, procuratores nostros facimus et constituimus per præsentes; ad vobiscum tractandum, et vobis consilio, favore et auxilio, opportunis, assistendum, in omnibus et singulis vobis a sede apostolica in hac parte commissis, quorum citatione citati sumus ad comparendum præfatis die et loco personaliter coram vobis; et consentiendum hiis quæ per vos et regni prælatos et proceres, pro statu ejusdem regni, ibidem contigerint ordinari; et ad faciendum omnia et singula, nomine nostro, quæ nos facere possemus, si personaliter essemus præsentes, et sine quibus præmissa non poterunt expediri: ratum et firmum habituri quicquid præfati procuratores nostri, vel unus eorum per se, nostro nomine, fecerint vel fecerit in præmissis. In cujus rei testimonium, sigillum nostrum duximus apponendum. Datum apud Aukland' xxvj°. die Septembris, anno Domini M°.CCC^mo. duodecimo.

Appointment of another proxy in the same matter.

Procuratorium. Consimile procuratorium mandatum fuit magistro Johanni de Snaynton', per se, et sub eadem data.

f. 60 b. Letter of thanks from the bishop of Durham to Arnaldo, cardinal-priest of St. Prisca, for his courtesy and considerateness in accepting John de Snaynton as

Litera missa cardinali. Venerabili in Christo patri, et domino, domino Arnaldo, Dei gratia, tituli Sanctæ Priscæ, presbytero cardinali, sanctæ Romanæ ecclesiæ vicecancellario, et apostolicæ sedis nuncio, suus devotus frater, Ricardus, permissione divina, minister humilis ecclesiæ Dunolmensis, et honoris et gaudii continuum incrementum, cum debitis et devotis obedientia, reverentia et honore. Diræ amaritudinis calicem, quasi

An. Episc. 2. quotidianis nobis invasionibus, propinatum per impios Scotos, incolis partium nostrarum infestos, oppido regisque nostri et totius regni sui inimicos improbos, degustantes, eo sanctitatis vestræ clementiæ devotius inclinamur, ad quæcunque possumus munera gratiarum, quo, propitiante nobis vestræ bonitatis gratia, instante die, videlicet, vij. idus mensis Octobris, ad quem citati fuimus personaliter coram vobis, dignata est vestra benevolentia nostram absentiam habere favorabiliter excusatam; et dilecto clerico nostro, magistro Johanni de Snaynton', procuratori nostro in agendis nostris, coram vobis, impendere gratiam et favorem. Unde et nostrates modica, quæ nobis et nostris, post rapinas et incendia, deprædationes et spolia, cum essemus Londoniis, nostris in partibus commissa, per nostram nunc præsentiam et gratiæ vestræ plenitudinem, reputant, reservata, suamque ac suorum conservationem vobis specialiter attribuunt et ascribunt; potissime cum inimici nostri prædicti continuis explorent discursibus, ubi et quando fines Marchiæ latentius possent invadere, et pejora prioribus facinora perpetrare; et sic nos et nostros oportebit ex adverso continuatis laborare vigiliis, ad præcavendum et declinandum horum insidias, et malitiam reprimendum. Propter quod, sanctam paternitatem vestram, ex toto cordis affectu, duximus implorandam, quatenus, ex pietatis et caritatis abundantia, nostris afflictionibus et fatigationibus pio et paterno compatientes affectu, inceptam ad nos et procuratorem nostrum favoris gratiam continuantes, vestræ dominationis vota in omnibus, quæ per nos fieri possunt, dignemini per eundem, sub imperio demandare; ad quæ pro viribus complenda nos paratos promittimus et offerimus expeditos. Paternitati vestræ votiva dierum longitudinem et annos pacis, adaugeat potentia Trinitatis! Datum apud Stoketon', xviij°. die Octobris.

A.D. 1312. his proxy. He also describes the unsettled state of the Borders.

Consimilis litera missa fuit domino Arnaldo, episcopo Pictaviensi, et sub eadem data.

A.D. 1312. Appointment of Adam de Bowes as sheriff of the counties of Durham and Sadberg'.

Commissio vicecomitis Dunelmi et Sadburg'.

Ricardus, permissione divina, Dunelmensis episcopus, omnibus fidelibus suis infra libertatem nostram ecclesiæ Dunelmensis constitutis, salutem, gratiam et benedictionem. Sciatis nos fecisse, ordinasse et constituisse dilectum et fidelem nostrum Adam de Bowes, vicecomitem nostrum in comitatibus Dunelmi et Sadberg'; dantes eidem plenam et liberam potestatem omnia faciendi, exercendi et exequendi, quæ ad officium vicecomitis in dictis comitatibus pertinent, seu pertinere poterunt quoquo modo, de consuetudine vel de jure. Et ideo vobis mandamus, quod in omnibus, quæ ad officium vicecomitis in præmissis comitatibus pertinent, sitis eidem Adæ intendentes et respondentes, consulentes etiam, et auxiliantes, cum ad id per eum fueritis requisiti. In cujus rei testimonium, præsentes literas dicto Adæ fieri fecimus, quamdiu nobis placuerit duraturas. Datum apud Stoketon', xix°. die Octobris, pontificatus nostri anno secundo. An. Episc. 2.

The same person appointed escheator.

Item, de officio escaetoris.

Consimilem literam habet de officio escaetoris, et sub eadem data.

Mandate to excommunicate all persons who obstruct others in going to the market and fair at Derlington.

Sententia excommunicationis lata in eos qui impediunt venientes ad feriam.

Ricardus, etc., dilecto in Christo filio, domino . . . perpetuo vicario de Derlington, salutem, etc. Ut perpetrandis facinoribus interdicatur audacia et sceleris patratores eo puniantur severius, quo pœnas comminatas temere parvipendunt, vobis injungimus et mandamus, quatenus singulis diebus Dominicis et festivis, in ecclesia de Derlington', quando major aderit populi multitudo, omnibus et singulis interdicatis solemniter, nomine nostro, et etiam inhibeatis, sub pœna excommunicationis majoris, quam ipsos incurrere volumus ipso facto, ne, contra libertatem nostram et ecclesiæ Dunolmensis, venientibus undecunque ad nundinas, seu feriam, de Derlington', quæ, ob publicam in-

An. Episc. 2. colarum utilitatem, ab antiquo dinoscuntur statutæ, aliquod inferant impedimentum, molestiam seu gravamen, nec quominus libere venire, morari et redire, valeant, impediant aliquatenus aut fatigent. Et si hujusmodi inhibitionis, auctoritate nostra, et nomine, publice cunctis factæ, aliquos noveritis transgressores, quam citius vobis constiterit de nominibus eorundem, ipsos peremptorie citetis, quod infra viij. dies post citationem vestram, coram nobis, ubicumque fuerimus in nostra diœcesi, personaliter compareant, super sibi objiciendis responsuri, facturi ulterius et recepturi, quod justitia suadebit ; diem citationis vestræ, et nomina citatorum, quam citius post factam citationem commode poteritis, nobis dilucide rescribentes. Valete. Datum apud Stoketon', xxj°. die Octobris, pontificatus nostri anno secundo. A.D. 1312.

Processus super ecclesia de Maidenstane.

f. 61. Letter to the archbishop of Canterbury, reciting bulls of Clement V. in favour of Walter de Maydenstane, presented to the church of Maydenstane.

Reverendo in Christo patri, domino . . ., Dei gratia, Cantuariensi archiepiscopo, ac omnibus et singulis personis aliis quorum interest vel intererit, et quas hujusmodi negotium quoquomodo contingit vel contingere poterit in futurum, Arnaldus, prior prioratus de Pontoiis, Aquensis diœcesis, executor ad infrascripta, una cum infra-scriptis collegis nostris a sede apostolica specialiter deputatis, salutem in Domino, et mandatis apostolicis firmiter obedire. Noveritis nos literas sanctissimi patris et domini nostri, domini Clementis, divina providentia, papæ, V., unam cum filis sericis, discreto viro domino Waltero de Maydenstan, clerico Cantuariensis diœcesis, et aliam, executoriam, cum filo cannabis, integras, nobis et collegis nostris, ex parte ejusdem domini papæ, directas, ipsiusque vera bulla plumbea, in eisdem filis pendentibus, bullatas, non vitiatas, non cancellatas, non abrasas, sed omni suspicione carentes, præsentatas nobis per discretum virum magistrum Stephanum de Bygod, clericum, procuratorem dicti domini Walteri, coram no-

A.D. 1312. tario publico et testibus infrascriptis, cum ea qua de- An. Episc. 2.
cuit reverentia, recepisse; quarum literarum tenores tales sunt:—Clemens episcopus, servus servorum Dei, dilecto filio Waltero de Maydenstan clerico Cantuariensis diœcesis, salutem, et apostolicam benedictionem. Meritis tuæ probitatis et devotionis inducimur, ut personam tuam speciali benevolentiæ gratia prosequamur. Sane petitio tua, nobis exhibita, continebat, quod nos, volentes olim tibi gratiam facere specialem, beneficium ecclesiasticum, cum cura vel sine cura, nulli alii de jure debitum, ad collationem vel provisionem venerabilis fratris nostri . . . archiepiscopi Cantuariensis pertinens, cujus redditus et proventus, secundum taxationem decimæ, usque ad centum librarum sterlingorum valorem annuum ascenderent, in civitate vel diœcesi, seu provincia Cantuariensi, vacaturum, quod per te, sive procuratorem tuum ad hoc legitime constitutum, postquam tibi vel ipsi procuratori de ipsius beneficii vacatione constaret, infra unum mensem, duceres acceptandum, conferendum tibi donationi apostolicæ duximus reservandum, certis tibi super hoc per nostras certi tenoris literas executoribus deputatis. Quare nobis humiliter supplicasti, ut, cum tu nondum sis hujusmodi beneficium assecutus, ampliare tibi hujusmodi gratiam, de benignitate apostolica, dignaremur. Volentes itaque tibi, tuorum meritorum obtentu, gratiam facere pleniorem, tuis supplicationibus inclinati, tibi, ut prædictum beneficium, etiamsi fructus, redditus et proventus, illius prædictum annuum valorem excedant, dummodo centum et viginti libras sterlingorum annuatim, secundum taxationem dictæ decimæ, non excederent, juxta præmissam gratiam, libere acceptare valeas, literis super gratia ipsa confectis, in suo robore duraturis, non obstante quod tecum per sedem apostolicam alias dispensatum esse dicitur, quod valeas alia beneficia ecclesiastica, cum cura vel sine cura, usque ad summam l. librarum sterlingorum, secundum taxationem dictæ

An. Episc. 2. decimæ, libere recipere, ac licite retinere, cujus dispen- A.D. 1312.
sationis virtute, ecclesiam de Tylberton', Herefordensis diœcesis, curam animarum habentem, cujus redditus annui ad duodecim marcas sterlingorum taxantur, adeptus existis, ac tibi de præbenda proxime vacatura in Eboraco, auctoritate apostolica, sicut asseris, est provisum, et in Scotiensibus ecclesiis existis canonicus, ac locum sive capellam de Calamiak', Burdigalensis diœcesis, nosceris obtinere; quodque hujusmodi beneficium, cum ipsum assecutus fueris, possis, una cum aliis beneficiis quæ obtines, et quæ te assequi continget, virtute prædictarum gratiarum, licite retinere, auctoritate præsentium, de gratia concedimus speciali. Nulli igitur omnino hominum liceat hanc paginam nostræ concessionis infringere, vel ei ausu temerario contraire. Si quis autem hoc attentare præsumpserit, indignationem omnipotentis Dei, et beatorum Petri et Pauli apostolorum Ejus, se noverit incursurum. Datum in prioratu de Gransell', prope Malausanum, Vasionensis diœcesis, ij. id. Julii, pontificatus nostri anno v. —Item :— Clemens episcopus, servus servorum Dei, dilectis filiis . . . . . de Sancto Edmundo et de Waltham, Norwicensis et Londonensis diœcesium, monasteriorum abbatibus, ac . . . . priori de Pontouse, Aquensis diœcesis, salutem et apostolicam benedictionem. Meritis dilecti filii Walteri de Maydenstan, clerici, Cantuariensis diœcesis, probitatis ac devotionis inducimur, ut personam suam speciali benevolentiæ gratia prosequamur. Sane petitio sua, nobis exhibita, continebat quod nos, volentes olim sibi gratiam facere specialem, beneficium ecclesiasticum, cum cura vel sine cura, nulli alii de jure debitum, ad collationem vel provisionem venerabilis patris nostri . . . archiepiscopi Cantuariensis, pertinens, cujus redditus et proventus, secundum taxationem decimæ, usque ad centum librarum sterlingorum valorem annuum ascenderent, in civitate vel diœcesi, seu provincia, Cantuariensi, vacatu-

A.D. 1312. rum, quod per se, sive procuratorem suum, ad hoc legitime constitutum, postquam eidem Waltero, vel ipsi procuratori, de ipsius beneficii vacatione constaret, infra unum mensem duceret acceptandum, conferendum dicto Waltero, donationi apostolicæ duximus reservandum, certis sibi super hoc per nostras certi tenoris literas executoribus deputatis.—Quare nobis idem Walterus humiliter supplicavit, ut, cum ipse nondum sit hujusmodi beneficium assecutus, ampliare sibi hujusmodi gratiam, de benignitate apostolica, dignaremur. Volentes itaque dicto Waltero, hujusmodi suorum meritorum obtentu, gratiam facere pleniorem, suis supplicationibus inclinati, eidem Waltero, ut prædictum beneficium, etiamsi fructus, redditus et proventus, ipsius prædictum annuum valorem excederent, dummodo centum et viginti libras sterlingorum, annuatim, secundum taxationem dictæ decimæ, non excederent, juxta præmissam gratiam, libere acceptare valeat, literis super ipsa gratia confectis in suo robore duraturis, non obstante quod secum per sedem apostolicam alias dispensatum esse dicitur, quod valeat alia beneficia ecclesiastica, cum cura vel sine cura, usque ad summam quinquaginta librarum sterlingorum, secundum taxationem dictæ decimæ, libere recipere, ac licite retinere, cujus dispensationis virtute ecclesiam de Tylberton', Herefordensis diœcesis, curam animarum habentem, cujus redditus annui ad xij. marcas sterlingorum taxantur, idem Walterus adeptus existit; ac sibi de præbenda proxime vacatura in Eboraco, auctoritate apostolica, sicut asserit, est provisum, et in Scotiensibus ecclesiis existit canonicus, ac locum sive capellam de Calamyak', Burdigalensis diœcesis, idem Walterus noscitur obtinere; quodque hujusmodi beneficium, cum ipsum assecutus fuerit, possit, una cum aliis beneficiis quæ obtinet, et quæ ipsum assequi continget, virtute prædictarum gratiarum licite retinere, auctoritate literarum nostrarum, de gratia concessimus

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An. Episc. 2. speciali. Quocirca, discretioni vestræ, per apostolica scripta, mandamus quatenus vos, vel duo, aut unus, vestrum, per vos vel per alium, seu alios, hujusmodi beneficium, etiamsi fructus, redditus et proventus, illius prædictum annuum valorem excedant, dummodo cxx. libras sterlingorum, annuatim, secundum taxationem dictæ decimæ, non excedant, per nos, ut præmittitur, reservatum, si tempore hujusmodi nostræ reservationis vacabit, vel quamprimum illud vacare contigerit, cum omnibus juribus et pertinentiis suis, eidem Waltero, post acceptationem hujusmodi, auctoritate nostra, conferre et assignare curetis; inducentes eum, vel dictum procuratorem pro eo, in corporalem possessionem illius, et defendentes inductum, sibique facientes de ipsius beneficii fructibus, redditibus, proventibus, juribus et obventionibus, universis integre responderi; non obstantibus omnibus supradictis, seu si præfato archiepiscopo, vel quibusvis aliis, communiter vel divisim, a dicta sit sede indultum, quod interdici, suspendi, vel excommunicari, non possint, per literas apostolicas non facientes plenam et expressam, ac de verbo ad verbum, de indulto hujusmodi mentionem, contradictores auctoritate nostra, appellatione postposita, compescendo. Datum in prioratu de Gransell', prope Malausanam, Vasionensis diœcesis, ij. id. Julii, pontificatus nostri anno quinto.— Quibus quidem literis apostolicis a nobis, cum reverentia condigna, receptis, dictus magister Stephanus, procurator dicti domini Walteri, coram nobis exposuit, quod, post earundem literarum apostolicarum datam parochialis ecclesia de Maydenstan, Cantuariensis diœcesis, ad collationem vel provisionem patris vestri domini archiepiscopi Cantuariensis ab olim pertinens, per obitum ipsius ecclesiæ rectoris, in Anglicanis partibus decedentis, vacavit, cujus redditus et proventus, secundum taxationem decimæ, cxx. librarum sterlingorum valorem annuum non excedunt; prædictumque dominum Walterum ipsam ecclesiam de Maydenstan, si ei debetur A.D. 1312.

A.D. 1312. de jure, infra unum mensem postquam sibi de ipsius An. Episc. 2.
ecclesiæ vacatione constitit, acceptasse; propter quod, a nobis cum instantia petiit, ut ecclesiam ipsam, sic vacantem, et per dictum dominum Walterum, taliter acceptatam, eidem domino Waltero, auctoritate apostolica, qua in hac parte fungimur, conferri curaremus; protestato per ipsum procuratorem, quod si ipsa ecclesia alteri forsitan deberetur, jus in alio beneficio, dicto domino suo debito, remaneat semper salvum. Nos itaque, Arnaldus prior, executor prædictus visis et inspectis tam prius quam novissime impetratis literis apostolicis, de quibus supra fit mentio, necnon reservatione, inhibitione et decreto, supradictis, de acceptatione dicti domini Walteri legitime facta, et antequam per vos, vel auctoritate vestra, de jure provideri potuit alicui alteri de ecclesia de Maydenstan supradicta, consideratisque et attentis propensius omnibus supradictis, in eodem executionis negotio, ad instantiam dicti procuratoris debite procedendo, et juxta traditam a sede apostolica nobis formam, eandem parochialem ecclesiam de Maydenstan, ut præmittitur, vacantem,* et ab ipso domino Waltero acceptatam, cum omnibus juribus et
f. 62. pertinentiis suis, protestatione præmissa, quod si ipsa ecclesia ipsi domino Waltero non debeatur, remaneat nobis facultas aliud beneficium, auctoritate dictarum literarum apostolicarum sibi conferendi, eidem domino Waltero per prædictum procuratorem suum, sub protestationibus prælibatis recipienti, omni modo, quo, qua, vel quibus, ex tenore, seu tenoribus vel auctoritate, literarum apostolicarum, omnium vel singularum, tam primarum, quam secundarum, de quibus supra fit mentio, vel alicujus earundem, melius possumus, conferimus, sibique providemus de illa, ipsumque procuratorem recipientem, nomine quo supra, et sub protestationibus antedictis, per nostrum birretum investimus præsentialiter de eadem. Quocirca vos . . . dominum archiepiscopum supradictum, necnon omnes et singulos

An. Episc. 2. parochianos ac laboratores, seu colonos, possessionum vel bonorum ipsius ecclesiæ de Maydenestan, et cæteros quoslibet, qui rectori ejusdem ecclesiæ, pro tempore, ad præstationem decimarum, oblationum, jurium, reddituum, proventuum, vel alias, modo quolibet tenentur, et quosvis alios, quorum interest vel intererit, primo, secundo, et tertio peremptorie, præsentium tenore, monemus; vobisque et ipsis, auctoritate prædicta, in virtute sanctæ obedientiæ, districte præcipiendo mandamus, quatenus infra sex dies, post notificationem seu præsentationem præsentium vobis faciendam, quatenus vos et ipsos, conjunctim vel divisim, continget, quorum sex dierum, duos pro primo, duos pro secundo, et reliquos duos pro tertio et peremptorie termino, admonitione canonica, vobis et ipsis assignamus, eundem dominum Walterum, vel procuratorem suum, ejus nomine, in rectorem dictæ parochialis ecclesiæ de Maydenestan, et ad corporalem possessionem, vel quasi, ipsius jurium et pertinentiarum omnium, prout ad vos et ipsos, ac quemlibet ipsorum, pertinet, prout moris est, recipiatis, et etiam admittatis, ac recipiant et admittant; et tam vos, quam ipsi, prout ad vos et ipsos spectat, de omnibus et singulis fructibus, redditibus, proventibus, juribus et obventionibus, universis, ipsius ecclesiæ, ipsi domino Waltero, vel procuratori suo, ejus nomine, et nulli alii, respondeatis, et respondeant, integre, ac faciatis, et faciant, integraliter responderi; vosque et ipsi eundem dominum Walterum, et nullum alium, pro vero rectore, et canonico possessore ipsius ecclesiæ, habeatis et reputetis; ipsique parochiani eidem domino Waltero, tanquam rectori ipsius ecclesiæ, vel procuratori suo, ejus nomine, et nulli alii, pareant et intendant; et permittatis, ac permittant, ipsius ecclesiæ, cum omnibus juribus et pertinentiis suis, plena et pacifica possessione gaudere; amoto ab ea quolibet alio detentore, quem ex nunc, quatenus possumus, amovemus. Quod si forsitan eadem parochialis ecclesia de May- A.D. 1312.

A.D. 1312. denestan per eundem dominum Walterum non poterit, An. Episc. 2.
ut præmittitur, acceptari, nec nos sibi de illa poterimus providere, vobis, domine . . . archiepiscope, tenore præsentium, districtius inhibemus, ne de aliquo beneficio ecclesiastico, cum cura vel sine cura, nulli alii de jure debito, ad collationem vel provisionem vestram pertinente, cujus fructus, redditus et proventus, secundum taxationem decimæ, cxx. librarum sterlingorum valorem annuum non excedant, si quod in civitate, diœcesi seu provincia, Cantuariensi, a tempore datæ supradictarum literarum apostolicarum, usque in præsentem diem, vacavit, seu nunc vacat, aut vacabit postea, provideatis alicui, vel de ipso modo quolibet ordinetis, donec vobis constiterit quod idem dominus Walterus, per se, vel per procuratorem suum, ad hoc legitime constitutum, postquam eidem domino Waltero, vel ipsi procuratori, de ipsius beneficii vacatione constiterit, infra unum mensem, ipsum renuerit, aut neglexerit acceptare. Nos enim beneficium hujusmodi, si quod vacavit, seu nunc vacat, aut vacabit postea, dicto domino Waltero, vel ejus procuratori pro eo, post legitimam acceptationem de ipso factam, vel faciendam, auctoritate prædictarum literarum apostolicarum conferendum, nobis, et cuilibet collegarum et subdelegatorum nostrorum, expresse et specialiter reservamus: et nihilominus, auctoritate prædicta, irritum decernimus, et inane, si secus super præmissis, vel aliquo eorundem attentatum est hactenus a quoquam, quavis auctoritate scienter vel ignoranter, aut in futurum contigerit attentari. Quod si forte præmissa non adimpleveritis, aut aliquid in contrarium feceritis, vel mandatis et monitionibus nostris hujusmodi, immo verius, apostolicis, in omnibus, et per omnia, non parueritis, cum effectu, vobis . . domino archiepiscopo, supradictorum sex dierum peremptoria monitione præmissa, ingressum ecclesiæ interdicimus; si vero prædictum interdictum per alios sex dies, præfatos sex immediate sequentes, susti-

An. Episc. 2. nueritis, vos ab officio suspendimus; si vero præfatas A.D. 1312.
interdicti et suspensionis sententias per alios sex dies, præfatos duodecim immediate sequentes, sustinueritis quod absit, animo indurato, in vos exnunc excommunicationis sententiam proferimus in hiis scriptis. In prædictos vero parochianos, colonos, et alios, supratactos, et ipsorum quemlibet, si obnoxii vel culpabiles fuerint in præmissis, aut aliquo præmissorum, ac in quoslibet alios contradictores et rebelles, seu etiam dictam ecclesiam, contra vim et effectum processus nostri hujusmodi, detinentes, vel occupantes, aut alteri quam dicto domino Waltero, vel ejus procuratori, ut rectori, vel possessori, dictæ ecclesiæ de Maydenestan parentes, aut etiam intendentes, vel alteri decimas et obventiones ipsius ecclesiæ persolventes, publice vel oc- f. 62 b.
culte, ac in quoslibet alios ipsum dominum Walterum, vel procuratorem suum, impedientes super præmissis in aliquo, aut impedientibus ipsum dantes auxilium, consilium, vel favorem, cujuscunque dignitatis, conditionis, aut status, existant, ex nunc sex dierum, postquam ad eorum notitiam pervenerit, peremptoria monitione præmissa, in hiis scriptis, excommunicationis sententiam promulgamus; et prædictam ecclesiam de Maydenstan, cum suis membris et capellis, si pertinacia parochianorum hoc exegerit, vel casus acciderit, in quo hoc facere possimus, de jure ecclesiastico, subponimus interdicto, absolutionem omnium et singulorum, qui prædictas sententias vel earum aliquam, incurrerint, nobis, vel superiori nostro, specialiter reservando. Præfatas quoque literas apostolicas, et hunc nostrum processum, mandamus et volumus penes eundem dominum Walterum, vel procuratorem suum remanere, et non per vos, vel alium, contra ipsius, vel procuratoris ejus, voluntatem, quomodolibet detineri: contrarium vero facientes præfatis sententiis per nos latis secundum modum quo latæ sunt, ipso facto, prædicta monitione præmissa, volumus subjicere, mandamus tamen fieri vobis, et aliis quorum

A.D. 1312. interest, si eam petieritis, ad expensas petentium, An. Episc. 2.
copiam de præmissis. Cæterum, cum ad executionem hujusmodi ulterius faciendam non possumus personaliter intendere, quoad præsens, venerabilibus et discretis viris, de Langedon' et de Begham monasteriorum abbatibus, Cantuariensis et Cicestrensis diœcesium, necnon de Okeburn', et de Memysano, ac de Bergaveni, Sarisburiensis, et Burdegalensis ac Landavensis, diœcesium, prioratuum prioribus, ac archidiacono monasterii Westmonasterii, Londoniensis, et Sancti Edmundi, Norwicensis sacristæ, ac magistro Petro de Galiciano, canonico cathedralis ecclesiæ Agenensis, diœcesium, (quibus, et eorum cuilibet insolidum, sic quod unius præoccupatio non adimat alii vel aliis potestatem, sed inchoatum ab uno vel pluribus eorundem, alius vel, alii mediare valeant, et finire, etiamsi alius vel alii inchoantes, vellent aut possent intendere negotio supradicto, super executione prædicti mandati apostolici, et super omnibus et singulis nobis in hac parte commissis, committimus, tenore præsentium, vices nostras, donec eas ad nos duxerimus revocandas,) damus, sub excommunicationis pœna, quam ex nunc, monitione, ut prius, præmissa, in ipsos, et eorum singulos ferimus in hiis scriptis, si præmissa, vel aliquid præmissorum, aut subsequentium, exequi recusaverint, contempserint, neglexerint, aut plus debito distulerint, districtius in mandatis, quatenus ipsi, et quilibet eorum, qui, ex parte dicti domini Walteri fuerint, vel fuerit requisitus, seu requisiti, ad vos, dominum . . Cantuariensem archiepiscopum supradictum, et ad illos quibus expediens fuerit, ac ad dictam ecclesiam de Maydenstan, et ad loca alia, ad quæ accedere congrue fuerint, vel fuerit, requisiti, vel requisitus, personaliter accedant ; vel accedat, et prædictas literas apostolicas, et hunc nostrum processum, vobis et aliis, quorum interest, vel intererit, denuncient vel denunciet, legant vel legat, et publicari procurent vel procuret, et eundem dominum Walterum,

An. Episc. 2. vel procuratorem suum ejus nomine, in corporalem possessionem ejusdem ecclesiæ de Maydenstan ac jurium et pertinentiarum ipsius, inducant vel inducat, auctoritate prædicta, et defendant vel defendat inductum, amoto exinde quolibet detentore; quem nos exnunc, ut præmittitur, quatenus possumus, amovemus; ipsique domino Waltero, vel procuratori suo ejus nomine, de ipsius ecclesiæ fructibus, redditibus, proventibus, juribus, et obventionibus, universis, etiam a tempore collationis nostræ prædictæ, de dicta ecclesia dicto domino Waltero factæ, qualitercunque, vel a quocunque, perceptis aut occupatis, faciant vel faciat plene et integre responderi; et tam circa ipsam ecclesiam de Maydenstan quam circa prædictum beneficium, per nos, ut præmittitur, reservatum, faciant vel faciat omnia quæ restant in executione hujusmodi negotii facienda; et nihilominus, omnia et singula nobis in hac parte commissa, prout et quando expediens fuerit, plenarie exequantur, vel etiam exequatur. Ita tamen, quod in præjudicium dicti domini Walteri nihil valeant seu valeat attentare, nec circa suprascriptas sententias, per nos latas, absolvendo, relaxando, vel suspendendo, aliquid immutare, nisi de prædicti domini Walteri, vel procuratoris sui, ad prosecutionem hujusmodi negotii specialiter constituti, mera et expressa processerit voluntate; in quo casu, videlicet, ubi ipsius domini Walteri, vel ejusdem sui procuratoris, assensus intervenerit, volumus et concedimus dictis subdelegatis, et cuilibet eorum, potestatem, quod ipsi, et quilibet eorum, possint et possit, a prædictis sententiis absolvere, ipsasque suspendere vel relaxare, prout de ipsius domini Walteri, vel dicti procuratoris sui, processerit voluntate. Et si contingat nos in aliquo super præmissis procedere, non intendimus commissionem prædictam in aliquo revocare nisi de revocatione hujusmodi specialis mentio habeatur. In quorum omnium testimonium, et certitudinem pleniorem, hoc publicum A.D. 1312.

A.D. 1312. instrumentum, processum nostrum hujusmodi continens, An. Episc. 2.
scribi et publicari mandavimus per magistrum Johannem Amici de Heryngland', notarium publicum infrascriptum, et ipsius testimonio et subscriptione vallari, ac sigilli nostri appositione muniri. Datum et actum apud Ballanges, Magolonensis diœcesis, ix. die introitus mensis Decembris, anno Nativitatis Domini M°.cccx °., Indictione nona, pontificatus dicti domini Clementis papæ, V., anno sexto. Præsentibus, fratre Garsia de Insks, commonacho dicti domini prioris de Pontouse, Bernardo de Gasarnaldo de Rinnato, Andrea de London', clericis, Petro Arnaldi de Bizandon', et Arnaldo de Poiols, domicellis, et aliis, testibus ad præmissa vocatis
f. 63. et rogatis. Et ego Johannes Amici de Heveringlond', Norwicensis diœcesis, publicus apostolica et imperiali auctoritate, notarius, prædictis, una cum dictis testibus, præsens interfui, eaque, de mandato dicti domini Arnaldi, prioris de Pontouse, executoris, scripsi, et in hanc publicam formam redegi, meoque signo consueto signavi rogatus.

Further letters and proceedings relative to the above-mentioned business.

[1] Reverendis in Christo patribus, dominis Dei gratia . . archiepiscopo Eboracensi, et ipsius in remotis agentis vicario, necnon . . episcopis Dunelmensi et Karliolensi, ac abbatibus, Westmonasteriensi, de Waltham, et de Sancto Edmundo, Londoniensis et Norwicensis diœcesium, . . priorique Sancti Oswaldi, Gloucestr', ordinis Sancti Augustini, Wigorniensis diœcesis, ac universis et singulis . . episcopis, prælatisque, personis ecclesiasticis, tam exemptis, quam non exemptis, per regnum Angliæ constitutis, cujuscunque conditionis existant, ad quos præsentes literæ pervenerint, Arnaldus, prior prioratus de Pontouse, Aquensis diœcesis, executor etiam in infrascripto negotio, una cum quibusdam nostris collegis, a sede

[1] No marginal note in MS.

An. Episc. 2. apostolica specialiter deputatus, salutem in Domino, A.D. 1312.
mandatis apostolicis firmiter et fideliter obedire. Dudum sanctissimus pater et dominus, dominus Clemens, divina providentia, papa, V., volens personam discreti viri, magistri Walteri de Maydenstan, clerici, Cantuariensis diœcesis, speciali prosequi gratia et favore, beneficium ecclesiasticum, cum cura vel sine cura, nulli alii de jure debitum, ad collationem vel provisionem venerabilis fratris, domini . . Cantuariensis archiepiscopi, pertinens, cujus redditus et proventus, secundum taxationem decimæ, usque ad centum librarum sterlingorum valorem annuum ascenderent, in civitate vel diœcesi, seu provincia, Cantuariensi, vacaturum, quod per se, sive per procuratorem suum, ad hoc legitime constitutum, postquam sibi, vel ipsi procuratori, de ipsius beneficii vacatione constaret, infra unum mensem, duceret acceptandum, conferendum sibi, donationi apostolicæ reservavit, certis sibi super hoc executoribus deputatis. Quare idem Walterus dictæ sanctæ sedi apostolicæ humiliter supplicavit, ut, cum ipse nondum fuerat hujusmodi beneficium assecutus, ampliare sibi hujusmodi gratiam dignaretur; cujus supplicationibus sedes eadem inclinata, ipsi Waltero concessit ut prædictum beneficium, etiamsi fructus, redditus et proventus, illius prædictum annuum valorem, excederent, dummodo centum viginti librarum sterlingorum valorem, annuatim, secundum taxationem dictæ decimæ, non excederent, juxta præmissam gratiam, libere acceptare valeret, literis super ipsa gratia confectis in suo robore duraturis; certis sibi executoribus, super dictis gratia et ipsius amplificatione, nobis, videlicet, et aliis, ab ipsa sede specialiter deputatis, prout in literis apostolicis, super ipsis gratia et amplificatione, ac ipsarum executoriis in hac parte confectis, plenius continetur. Vacante itaque parochiali ecclesia de Maydenstan, dictæ Cantuariensis diœcesis, ad collationem, seu provisionem dicti archiepiscopi ab olim pertinente, per obitum ipsius

A.D. 1312. ecclesiæ rectoris, in Anglicanis partibus decedentis, An. Episc. 2.
cujus redditus, secundum taxationem decimæ, cxx. librarum sterlingorum valorem annuum non excedunt, dictus Walterus, ad sedem apostolicam tunc personaliter constitutus, ipsam ecclesiam de Maydenstan, nedum infra unum mensem postquam ipsi de ipsius ecclesiæ vacatione constitit, sed etiam infra paucos dies infra quos possibile fuerat sibi de hujusmodi vacatione constare, acceptavit, ipsamque sibi per nos conferri, ac se, per procuratorem suum, de eadem investiri, auctoritate apostolica procuravit, certis nostris mandatis, literis et processibus, in forma juris conceptis, pœnas varias et censuras ecclesiasticas continentibus, directis super hoc sibi, archiepiscopo, ac omnibus et singulis aliis quorum intererat, et quos dictum negotium tangere poterat quovismodo; venerabilis præfatus archiepiscopus, cui de prima gratia ad plenum innotuit, ac de inhibitionibus, reservationibus et decretis, habitis super illa, cujus insuper manus, virtute amplificationis prædictæ, et ipsius executione, ac decreti apostolici, quod in hoc casu ligare non ambigitur, ignorantes, ipsis non obstantibus, et antequam dicta amplificatio et ipsius executoria, ac processus noster in hac parte, ad ipsius notitiam possibiliter deduci poterant, ipsam ecclesiam de Maydenstan cuidam suo physico, videlicet, magistro Stephano de Heselingfeld', alibi notorie beneficiato, de facto contulit, ipsumque in ipsius ecclesiæ, rerum, et pertinentiarum ad eandem, corporalem possessionem fecit induci. Cumque procurator dicti magistri Walteri, tanquam nuncius sedis apostolicæ ad dictum archiepiscopum, congruis loco et tempore, accessisset, prædictasque gratiam, amplificationem et acceptationem, necnon et processus, inhibitiones, reservationes, et decreta, super ipsis habita, congrue notificaret, cum omni reverentia et honore, ac peteret nedum humiliter, sed instanter, ut idem archiepiscopus, juxta formam et effectum dictarum gratiæ,

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tionum, per dictum dominum suum in hac parte factarum et commissarum, quæ celeritatem maximam requirebant, admitterent illum dominum suum in rectorem dictæ ecclesiæ, et cætera quæ suo incumbebant officio sibi faceret, ac mandatis apostolicis pareret, ut debuit, reverenter, aut saltem aliquod responsum congruum in hac parte, ob reverentiam dictæ sedis apostolicæ, sibi daret, dictus archiepiscopus mandata, executiones et decreta, hujusmodi, sibi reverenter oblata, non admisit; sed dictum procuratorem per dies aliquos, in maximum juris domini sui præjudicium, dicta mandata, et cætera superius annotata, tanquam sibi non præsentata, compulit retinere; nolens ea per se recipere, aut ipsarum receptionem alteri committere, aut aliqualem in hac parte debitam reverentiam exhibere; sed vix demum, post varia præjudicialia, per ipsum archiepiscopum et quosdam alios in hac parte attentata, dictum negotium f. 63 b.
cuidam suo cancellario, præcepit inspicere, cum vacaret eidem. Verum cum dictus procurator erga dictum cancellarium, ut commissarium in hac parte, adeo institissit, quod mandata apostolica, et cætera omnia in hac parte necessaria, sibi præsentarat, et copiam cum ipso dimiserat earundem, ipsumque de censuris et arctatione temporis, in processu nostro contentis, congrue præmunierat, ac singulis, vel saltem interpellatis, diebus ad dictum commissarium, pro responsione in hac parte habenda, accederet et instaret, dictus cancellarius et commissarius, post fluxum dierum omnium in prædicto nostro processu contentorum, dicto procuratori respondit, se potestatem non habere in dicto negotio respondendi, sed solummodo audiendi; quamobrem injunxit dicto procuratori, ut pro responsione habenda finali, præsentiam peteret dicti patris. Sane dictus procurator, hiis truffis et prorogationibus præjudicialibus affectus, ac nesciens ultra quod ageret, accessit ad dictum patrem, congruis loco et tempore, et recitans sibi seriem rei

A.D. 1312. gestæ, petiit ab eodem, humiliter et devote, ut ipse, ob reverentiam et honorem dictæ sanctæ sedis apostolicæ, dictum dominum suum ad dictam ecclesiam admitteret, vel saltem responsum aliquid, mandato apostolico congruum, sibi daret. Qui dictus archiepiscopus, Dei ac ipsius vicarii, et sanctæ Romanæ ecclesiæ, oblitus reverentiæ, censuras et sententias quas a diu antea incurrerat non abhorrens, ad dictam petitionem, tam leniter quam suaviter sibi factam, maledictionem pro benedictione prætendens, ipsum procuratorem rixis et contumeliis terribillimis, et statum suum omnino indecentibus, hac occasione palam affecit, in fidedignorum præsentia plurimorum, aliud in hac parte responsum non elargiens, aut promittens; de quibus omnibus nobis est summarie facta fides. Nolentes itaque gratias et mandata dictæ sedis apostolicæ, quæ, ex ipsius tam certa scientia processisse, cognovimus, illusionibus pertinacium, et specialiter dicti archiepiscopi, qui, vix superiorem se habere cognoscens, super hujusmodi inobedientiis et contumeliis, nedum in partibus Anglicanis, sed etiam in plerisque partibus citramontanis, et specialiter in Romana curia, est, et diu fuit, multipliciter diffamatus, negligenter exponere, aut ea, inferiorum nostrorum quibusvis fabricatis processubus, aliqualiter impediri, sed in omnibus et per omnia, prout decet et expedit, habere intentionis apostolicæ fulcimentum,— Vobis, reverendis patribus, cum ea tamen, qua decet, reverentia, in virtute sanctæ obedientiæ, qua sedi apostolicæ estis astricti, et vestris vicariis ac officialibus, cæterisque omnibus ad quos præsentes literæ pervenerint, auctoritate, qua fungimur in hac parte, sub pœna excommunicationis majoris, quam vos, et vestrum quemlibet, qui hoc mandatum nostrum receperit exequendum, sex dierum monitione præmissa, ex nunc, ut ex tunc, incurrere volumus ipso facto, si in executione mandati nostri hujusmodi negligentes in aliquo fueritis, vel remissi, vel illud plus debito distuleritis, aut neg- An. Episc. 2.

An. Episc. 2. lexeritis adimplere, communiter et divisim, firmiter injungendo mandamus, quatenus dictum archiepiscopum, cujus inobedientiam ne tam dolentes ferimus, quam etiam in mente gestamus, in prædictam excommunicationis sententiam, alias per nos, in processu nostro de quo supra fit mentio, latam, ac alias pœnas, in eodem contentas incidisse, et a diu retro animo indurato sustinuisse, et adhuc damnabiliter sustinere, in singulis locis et ecclesiis, capitulis et synodis, congregationibus et aliis ubi, quando et quotiens, fueritis super hoc, pro parte dicti magistri Walteri, congrue requisiti, denuncietis, et denunciari per alios faciatis, tam in provincia sua Cantuariensi, quam vestra Eboracensi, et cæteris locis omnibus supradictis per regnum Angliæ constitutis ; ab executione et denunciatione hujusmodi nullatemus desistentes, donec aliud super hoc a collegis vel subdelegatis nostris, vel superiori nostro, habueritis in mandatis. Et quod, tam ex inspectione quorundam instrumentorum publicorum, quam etiam fidedignorum quorundam didicimus testimonio, quod Stephanus de Heselingfeld', qui nullum omnino jus habet in dicta ecclesia, vel ad illam, una cum Johanne et Martino procuratoribus ejusdem, Guidonis Waltero, filio quondam Johannis Coci de Maydenstan, Thoma Colepepre et Willelmo Asshellers, suis in hac parte complicibus et fautoribus, dictum magistrum Walterum, quominus pacifica possessione dictæ ecclesiæ, rerum, et jurium ac pertinentiarum, ipsius gaudere potuerit, atque possit, ut deberet, multipliciter impediunt et perturbant, et ipsam ecclesiam, cum suis rebus et pertinentiis, detinent in manu forti, adeo quod nec ibidem divina celebrantur sacramenta, vel sacramentaria ministrantur, et, quod nedum divinæ Majestati, sed etiam hominibus, est plus quam dici poterit abhorrendum, sententias excommunicatorias, alias per nos latas, damnabiliter incurrendo, quos etiam nos adhuc, eorum multiplicibus contumaciis et offensis exigentibus, in scriptis excom- A.D. 1312.

A.D. 1312. municamus; vobis, ut supra, sub pœnis et censuris prædictis, quas vos, et vestrum quemlibet secundum modum collatæ, sunt incurrere volumus ipso facto, firmiter injungendo mandamus, quatenus ad prædictam ecclesiam de Maydenstan personaliter accedentes, et f. 64. gratias apostolicas ac processus, nunc et alias in hac parte habitos, solemniter publicetis in ipsa ecclesia, si ad ipsam ecclesiam vobis accessus pateat; sin autem, in foro ipsius villæ, aliquo die cum major popularis ibidem affuerit multitudo, coram clero et populo solemniter recitantes, parochianos ipsius ecclesiæ, et alios, de jure dicti magistri Walteri informetis, injungentes eisdem, et eorum singulis, ne cuiquam, præterquam dicto magistro Waltero, tanquam rectori, pareant vel intendant, aut decimas, ad dictam ecclesiam pertinentes, alicui alteri exsolvant, publice vel occulte, sicut pœnas et censuras, alias in nostro processu per nos latas, voluerint evitare. Inhibeatis insuper dictis parochianis et cæteris omnibus, cujuscunque conditionis existant, ne dictis sacrilegis dictam ecclesiam, ut præmittitur, manu armata detinentibus, quos per nos, ut præmittitur, excommunicatos, cum omni solemnitate per vos, et vestrum quemlibet, denunciari, volumus et mandamus, faveant, aut ipsis aliqualiter pareant vel intendant, aut cum ipsis, quovis communionis genere aut contractu, communicare, vel ipsis victualia vendere vel ministrare quovismodo, præsumant, sub pœnis superius annotatis. Volumus etiam, et mandamus, quod si quis detentorum hujusmodi violentium morte præoccupatus fuerit, quod communione fidelium ecclesiastica careat sepultura; quodque de nominibus omnium et singulorum dictam ecclesiam in manu forti, nunc vel inposterum, detinentium, et ibidem resistentium, diligentius inquiratis, et quos culpabiles inveneritis in hac parte, omnes et singulos in prædictam excommunicationis sententiam, per nos, ut præmittitur latam incidisse, singulis locis et temporibus quibus, per partem dicti

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et denunciari faciatis, pulsatis campanis, candelis accensis, cum cautione recta, et qua potueritis solemnitate adhibita, in hac parte, inhibentes ne quis eisdem domum, victualia aut alia quævis necessaria, locare vel vendere quovismodo præsumant, sub pœna excommunicationis prædicta, quam contra facientes quoscunque incurrere volumus, ipso facto; et ne dictus archiepiscopus, sub tegumento cujusdam suæ tuitionis, quam se habere prætendit, et per quam processus delegatorum sedis apostolicæ sæpissime deluduntur, hunc nostrum processum, aut collegarum aut subdelegatorum nostrorum, impediat in aliquo, vel perturbet, officiali suo Cantuariensi et quibuscunque suis ministris, quocunque nomine censeantur, sub excommunicationis pœna, quam exnunc, ut extunc, in personas eorum, et cujuslibet eorundem, trina monitione præmissa, ferimus in hiis scriptis, districtius inhibemus, ne ad appellationis dicti archiepiscopi tuitoriam in hac parte emitti contingerit rescribere, aut ipsum quovis exquisito tueri velamine quovismodo præsumant, publice vel occulte. Nos enim, si quod per viam hujus tuitorii appellationis, quam dicta Romana curia reprobat et imputat, merito corruptelam attentare contigerit, exnunc irritum fore discernimus, et inane, nullumque robur firmitatis habere. Cæterum, cum ad executionem hujus ulterius faciendam personaliter intendere non possimus, variis et arduis in Romana curia negotiis præpediti, vobis, et vestrum cuilibet, et specialiter collegis nostris superius nominatis, vices nostras in hujus executionis negotio in solidum committimus, donec eas ad nos duxerimus revocandas: ita quod vos, et vestrum quilibet, (servato tamen hoc nostro processu in residuis, et appendiciis ejusdem, quæ nos facere possimus, si personaliter interessemus,) in omnibus et per omnia faciatis, cum canonicæ coercionis potestate, sic solerter, sic attente, in hujusmodi negotio vos habentes, et pro statu

A.D. 1312. Romanæ ecclesiæ taliter exponentes, quod possitis et debeatis de promptitudine et diligentia merito commendari: absolutione quoque omnium et singulorum qui præfatas nostras sententias incurrerint, vel continget occurrere in futurum, nobis, vel superiori nostro, tantummodo reservata. In cujus rei testimonium, præsentem processum per infra scriptum notarium scribi et publicari mandavimus, et nostri sigilli appensione muniri. Datum et actum Viennæ, in ecclesia cathedrali, sub anno Domini a Nativitate, M°.ccc^mo.xij°., Indictione decima, die vij. Januarii, pontificatus domini Clementis papæ V. anno septimo. Præsentibus, discretis viris, magistro Andrea Sapiti de Florentia, domino Thomaso Borghon, canonico ecclesiæ Sancti Jacobi ultra rivum Florentinum, Andrea Chiery de Pistorio, domicello domini papæ, Mineta Byrettum de Kargham, sive Lucano, et Shiacca de Pistorio, de societate Scharentium, et testibus aliis. Ego Philippus olim Forsely de Rundinaya, civis Florentinus, apostolica et imperiali auctoritate, notarius publicus, prædictis omnibus et singulis, ut supra leguntur, dum per dictum dominum Arnaldum priorem agerentur, una cum præscriptis testibus, præsens fui, eaque omnia scripsi, et, de mandato dicti domini Arnaldi, in hanc publicam formam redegi, meoque consueto signo signavi, rogatus, sub anno, Indictione, mense et die, pontificatu et loco, prædictis, et præsentibus testibus suprascriptis. An. Episc. 2.

Memorandum that letters dimissory were granted to Nicholas de Bermeton.

Memorandum.— Quod xxviij°. die Octobris, anno Domini millesimo trecentesimo duodecimo, concessit dominus literas dimissorias Nicholao de Bermeton' ad omnes ordines, cum illa clausula, "*Dum tamen sufficienter titulum exhibeat.*"

f. 64 b. The procuration of Geoffrey, son of Ponce.

Procuratorium Galfridi nati Puncii.

In nomine Domini, Amen. Per præsens publicum instrumentum cunctis sit manifestum, quod anno ab Incarnatione Domini millesimo ccc^mo. undecimo, Indictione decima, pontificatus domini Clementis, papæ V. anno septimo,

An. Episc. 2. in hospitio magistri Roberti de Patrica, juxta ripam Tamisiæ, in parochia Sancti Benedicti de Wodewarf', in civitate London', die mensis Februarii xxj. in mei, notarii publici infrascripti, testiumque subscriptorum, præsentia, videlicet, magistrorum Roberti de Patrica, Willelmi le Dorturer, notarii publici, et Nicholai de Patrica, ad hæc vocatorum specialiter, et rogatorum, constitutus personaliter discretus vir dominus Galfridus natus Puncii, quondam Corbalani Streghi, de Luca, canonicus ecclesiæ de Aukeland, et in eadem præbendarius præbendæ de Bedebourn', Dunolmensis diœcesis, dilectum sibi in Christo Thomam, dictum Lound, de Wode Dalling', licet absentem, tanquam præsentem, suum verum et legitimum fecit, ordinavit et constituit, procuratorem; dans eidem potestatem specialem et generale mandatum, nomine suo, et pro ipso, provocandi et appellandi, et quasdam provocationem et appellationem alias, per dictum Galfridum, ut dicitur interpositas, reverendo in Christo patri et domino, domino . . Dei gratia, Dunolmensi episcopo, cæterisque auditoribus, ac quibuscunque commissariis prædicti patris, necnon et omnibus aliis et singulis quorum interest, tam judicibus quam adversariis, nomine ipsius Galfridi, notificandi, et de novo quotiens et quando opus fuerit interponendi et innovandi, apostolos petendi et recipiendi, relaxationemque sequestri, et sequestrum relaxari, quod dicitur appositum dicti patris auctoritate, vel alia quacunque, in fructibus, redditibus et proventibus, præbendæ de Bedebourn' supradictæ, vel aliquo eorundem, exigendi vel obtinendi; et pro hiis, et eorum quolibet, dicto patri ejusque vicario in spiritualibus, officiali seu officialibus, sequestratoribus et commissariis suis quibuscunque, requirendi, et ab eodem, seu ab eisdem, hujusmodi sequestri relaxationem, ut præmittitur, obtinendi, statusque sui reformationem, ac in integrum restitutionem, petendi in animam suam, tam de calumnia quam de veritate dicenda, jurandi, et quodlibet A.D. 1312.

A.D. 1312. aliud genus liciti juramenti præstandi et jurandi, alium procuratorem loco sui substituendi, et substitutum revocandi, officiumque procuratoris reassumendi, ac omnia et singula faciendi et exercendi, quæ circa præmissa vel aliquod præmissorum, necessaria fuerint, vel etiam opportuna, etiamsi mandatum exigant speciale: promittens mihi, notario publico infrascripto, tanquam publicæ personæ, stipulanti et recipienti vice ac nomine omnium quorum interest, se ratum, gratum et firmum tam de judicio sisti quam judicato solvendum, perpetuo habiturum totum et quicquid per dictum procuratorem suum, et ab eodem substitutum vel substituendum, actum, gestum, vel etiam procuratum, fuerit in præmissis, et quolibet præmissorum, sub hypotheca et obligatione omnium bonorum suorum. Acta sunt hæc prædicta sub anno, die, mense loco, pontificatu et indictione, prænotatis, præsentibus testibus memoratis et aliis. Et ego, Nicholaus de Hynton', clericus, Eliensis diœcesis, publicus, auctoritate imperiali, notarius, præmissis omnibus et singulis, una cum prædictis testibus, præsens interfui, eaque sic fieri vidi et audivi, manuque mea scripsi, et in hanc publicam formam redegi, meoque signo et nomine consuetis signavi, specialiter rogatus. An. Episc. 2.

The appeal of the before-mentioned.

Provocatio ejusdem.

In Dei nomine Amen. Cum ego, Galfridus natus Puccini, quondam Corbalani Streghy, de Luca, canonicus collegiatæ ecclesiæ de Aukeland', Dunolmensis diœcesis, et præbendarius præbendæ de Bendebourn' in eadem, ipsos canonicatum et præbendam, cum suis juribus et pertinentiis universis, fuerim, et sim, canonice assecutus, et in ipsorum canonicatus et præbendæ possessione auctoritate sufficienti inductus, eosque sic assecutus per non modica tempora pacifice possederim, et quiete, et adhuc possideam in præsenti; metuens mihi, ex verisimilibus causis, et probabilibus conjecturis, circa statum et possessionem meam in dictis canonicatu et præbenda, grave præjudicium mihi

An. Episc. 2. posse generari in futurum, ne reverendus pater, dominus Ricardus, Dei gratia, Dunolmensis episcopus, seu quivis alius vice, [ejus,] auctoritate vel mandato, statum meum, vel possessionem meam in dictis canonicatu et præbenda, quicquam in mei præjudicium, et status mei prædicti, attentet vel attentent, seu attentari faciant quomodolibet in futurum, citando, monendo, suspendendo, excommunicando, interdicendo, sequestrando, privando, dictosve canonicatum et præbendam, [vel] aliquod jus pertinens ad eosdem cuiquam conferendo, seu alium admittendo et in eisdem inducendo, sacrosanctam sedem apostolicam in hiis scriptis provoco et appello; et apostolos quatenus de jure sunt petendi, peto; subjiciens me, canonicatum et præbendam prædictos, ac omnes mihi adhærentes, seu adhærere volentes in hac parte, protectioni et defensioni sedis supradictæ, protestor A.D. 1312

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Commissio. Ricardus, permissione divina, Dunelmensis episcopus, dilecto filio, magistro Johanni de Insula, præbendario de Derlington', salutem, gratiam et benedictionem. De tuæ circumspectionis et fidelitatis industria plenam fiduciam obtinentes, ad petendum, exigendum et recipiendum, ab executoribus magistri Willelmi de Ewell', quondam in ecclesia prædicta præbendarii, prædecessoris tui, decem libras pro defectibus in domibus, quondam præbendæ suæ, reparandis, ipsasque decem libras in dictarum domorum refectione, infra annum, prout magis expedire videris convertendum, statuto nostro synodali, quod hujusmodi pecuniam illis personis liberandam censuit, non obstante, liberam tibi, tenore præsentium, committimus et concedimus potestatem. Vale. Datum apud Stoketon', ij°. die Novembris, pontificatus nostri anno secundo.

f. 66. Mandate to John de Lisle to receive from the executors of William de Ewell, late prebendary of Derlington, 10*l.* for dilapidations in the prebendal houses.

[1] A leaf (folio 65) has apparently been lost here, since the ancient foliation was made.

A.D. 1312. Dispensation from pope Clement V. for John de Lisle to hold the rectories of Bolom and Boldon, and a prebend in Auckland.

Dispensatio seu privilegium magistri Johannis de Insula.

An. Episc. 2.

Universis sanctæ matris ecclesiæ filiis, præsentes literas inspecturis, Ricardus, permissione divina, Dunelmensis episcopus, salutem in Domino sempiternam. Constitutus coram nobis, dilectus filius, magister Johannes de Insula, legum professor, rector ecclesiarum de Bolom et Boldon, nostræ diœcesis, curam animarum habentium, et præbendarius in ecclesiis Aukland' et Derlington', dictæ nostræ diœcesis, habens diem, ex præfixione legitima, ad exhibendum et ostendendum privilegia et jura, si quæ haberet, per quæ dictas ecclesias curatas licite posset retinere, quasdam literas apostolicas, sub nomine sanctissimi in Christo patris et domini, domini Clementis, divina providentia, papæ, V., conceptas, sanas et integras, non abolitas, non abrasas, non cancellatas, nec in aliqua ipsarum parte vitiatas, sed omni sinistra suspicione carentes, cum vera ipsius bulla plumbea, et filis sericis integris, more Romanæ curiæ, pendentibus, bullatas, exhibuit, et nobis tradidit inspiciendas, tenorem qui sequitur continentes:—

Clemens episcopus, servus servorum Dei, dilecto filio Johanni de Insula, legum professori, rectori parochialis ecclesiæ de Bolom, Dunelmensis diœcesis, salutem et apostolicam benedictionem. Quanto majorum meritorum claritate præfulges, tanto potioribus mereris accoli favoribus, et majoribus gratiis honorari. Attendentes igitur laudabile testimonium, quod tibi de literarum scientia et aliis virtuosis meritis perhibetur, ac volentes personam tuam propter hoc, speciali prosequi gratia, et favore, tecum ut præter parochialem ecclesiam de Bolom, ac præbendam quam in ecclesia de Aukland', Dunelmensis diœcesis, obtinere dinosceris, quarum fructus, redditus et proventus annui, quadraginta sex libras sterlingorum, juxta taxationem decimæ, non excedunt, parochialem ecclesiam de Boldon', prædictæ diœcesis, cujus fructus, redditus et proventus, annis singulis, valorem quadraginta librarum ejusdem monetæ, juxta taxationem, non

An. Episc. 2. excedunt, eandem, collatam tibi canonice, recipere, libere, et una cum ecclesia de Bolom et præbenda præfatis licite retinere, quodque, altera, ipsarum ecclesiarum dimissa, aliud beneficium ecclesiasticum, similem curam habens, cujus fructus, redditus, et proventus annui, summam quadraginta quinque librarum ejusdem monetæ sterlingorum, juxta taxationem, non excedant, prædictam, loco ipsius dimissæ ecclesiæ, libere recipere, et una cum non dimissa ecclesia et præbenda præfata, licite retinere, valeas, Generalis Concilii, et qualibet alia, constitutione contraria non obstante, auctoritate apostolica, de speciali gratia, dispensamus. Proviso quod ecclesiæ ipsæ, ac præbenda præfata, et hujusmodi aliud beneficium, si illud receperis, debitis obsequiis non fraudentur, ac animarum cura, in eis quibus illa imminet, nullatenus negligatur. Nulli igitur omnino hominum liceat hanc paginam nostræ dispensationis infringere, vel ei ausu temerario contraire. Si quis autem hoc attentare præsumpserit, indignationem omnipotentis Dei, et beatorum Petri et Pauli Apostolorum Ejus, se noverit incursurum. Datum apud Avinion', iij. kalendas Martii, pontificatus nostri anno quinto. A.D. 1312.

Nos igitur, receptis, inspectis, et, cum consilio nostro, diligenter examinatis literis apostolicis supradictis, quia invenimus cum eodem magistro Johanne super, receptione et retentione dictæ ecclesiæ de Boldon', una cum ecclesia de Bolum et præbenda prædictis, in dictis literis apostolicis nominatis, dictarum auctoritate literarum, sufficienter esse dispensatum, præfatum magistrum Johannem prædictam ecclesiam de Boldon' rite et dispensative recepisse, et, una cum ecclesia de Bolum et præbenda prædictis, canonice possidere, declaramus et pronunciamus in hiis scriptis. In horum omnium evidens testimonium, cautelam et certitudinem pleniorem, præsentes nostras literas per magistrum Andream de Tang', clericum nostrum, et notarium publicum, præ-

A.D. 1312. sentem, eidem magistro Johanni fieri fecimus patentes, An. Episc. 2.
nostrique impressione sigilli, una cum signo suo solito, consignari. Actum et datum apud Stoketon', in camera nostra, anno Domini M°.ccc^mo.xij°., Indictione undecima, mensis Octobris die ultimo, et pontificatus nostri anno secundo. Præsentibus religiosis viris, fratribus Willelmo de Gysburn' et Johanne de Wolveston', monachis, magistro Johanne de Snaynton', et dicto magistro Andrea de Tang', notario, testibus ad præmissa vocatis specialiter, et rogatis.

f. 66 b. Et ego Andreas, quondam Guilielmi de Tang', clericus, Eboracensis diœcesis, sacrosanctæ sedis apostolica publicus auctoritate notarius, qui præmissis, una cum dictis testibus, interfui, eaque sic fieri vidi et audivi, de mandato dicti domini mei episcopi, supra hiis præsens feci publicum instrumentum, inserendo in eodem, de verbo ad verbum, dictarum literarum apostolicarum tenorem, nihil addens, vel minuens, quod sensum mutaret vel corrumperet intellectum; illudque, in publicam formam redactum, signo meo consueto, una cum impressione sigilli dicti patris, signavi, in fidem et testimonium præmissorum.

Collation of John Eryum to the chapel or chantry of Frerejohanside, near Derwent.

Collatio de Frere-johanside.

Ricardus, permissione divina, Dunelmensis episcopus, dilecto in Christo, filio, domino Johanni de Eryum, capellano, salutem, gratiam et benedictionem. Morum honestas et laudabilis conversatio, necnon probitatis merita, quibus te novimus insigniri, nos excitant et inducunt ut personam tuam prosequi debeamus gratia et favore. Hinc est quod domum, capellam, seu cantariam, de Frerejohanside, juxta Derwent', vacantem, et ad nostram collationem pleno jure spectantem, cum suis juribus et pertinentiis universis, tibi conferimus, intuitu caritatis, teque per annulum nostrum investimus præsentialiter de eisdem. In cujus rei testimonium, præsentes

An. Episc. 2. literas tibi fieri, et nostro sigillo fecimus communiri. A.D. 1312.
Datum apud Stoketon', xxij°. die Octobris, anno Domini M°.ccc^mo.xij°. et pontificatus nostri secundo.

Item, eodem die habuit literas inductionis domini archidiaconi Dunelmensis officialis.

Collatio præbendæ de Derlington' dudum domini Elyæ de Sordyk.'

Presentation of John de Snaynton to the prebend of Derlington, formerly held by Ely de Sordyk'.

Ricardus, permissione divina, Dunelmensis episcopus, dilecto in Christo, filio, magistro Johanni de Snaynton', salutem, gratiam et benedictionem. Probitatis merita, morum honestas, laudabilisque conversatio, quibus te non solum nobis, verum etiam nostris universis et singulis gratiosum te reddis amicabiliter et acceptum, nos excitant et inducunt ut circa tuum profectum et honorem specialiter intendamus. Considerantes igitur quam fructuosa tua nobis hactenus fuerit societas, et quam utilis comitiva, et sperantes ex hoc nobis et ecclesiæ nostræ plurima posse commoda provenire, canonicatum et præbendam dudum domini Elyæ de Sordyk', vacantes in ecclesia de Derlington', et ad nostram collationem pleno jure spectantes, cum suis juribus et pertinentiis universis, tibi conferimus, intuitu caritatis, teque per annulum nostrum investimus præsentialiter de eisdem. In cujus rei testimonium, præsentes literas prædicto magistro Johanni fieri, et nostro sigillo fecimus communiri. Datum apud Middelham, viij°. die Novembris, anno Domini M°.ccc^mo. duodecimo, et pontificatus nostri secundo.

Indulgentia.

Indulgence of 40 days to all who shall contribute to the fabric of the church of Stokes, dedicated to St. Oswald, and pray for the soul of Henry de Ganio, buried therein.

Universis Christi fidelibus præsentes literas inspecturis, Ricardus, permissione divina, Dunelmensis episcopus, salutem in Eo, Qui est omnium vera salus. Cura officii pastoralis, nobis commissa, nos excitat et inducit, ut animos fidelium, quasi per præmia, excitemus ad merita et pia opera caritatis. Eapropter nos, de omnipotentis Dei misericordia, ac gloriosæ Virginis et matris [suæ] Mariæ, sanctissimi con-

A.D. 1312. fessoris Cuthberti, patroni nostri, omniumque Sanctorum, An. Episc. 2.
meritis confidentes, omnibus vere pœnitentibus et confessis, qui ad fabricam ecclesiæ parochialis de Stokes, Eboracensis diœcesis, in honore beati Oswaldi, regis et martyris, constructæ, ac etiam dedicatæ, de bonis suis, sibi a Deo collatis, grata contulerint, vel in testamentis suis legaverint, subsidia caritatis; necnon ei, qui pro anima nobilis viri domini Henrici de Ganio, cujus corpus in cancello ecclesiæ de Stokes prædictæ quiescit humatum, et pro animabus omnium fidelium defunctorum, orationem Dominicam, cum salutatione angelica, dixerint mente pia; quadraginta dies de injuncta sibi pœnitentia, dummodo loci diœcesanus hanc nostram indulgentiam ratam habuerit, misericorditer in Domino relaxamus. In cujus rei testimonium, sigillum nostrum præsentibus est appensum. Datum apud Middelham, xiiij°. die mensis Novembris, anno Domini millesimo trecentesimo duodecimo, et pontificatus nostri secundo.

Indulgence of 40 days granted to all who shall listen to the preaching of the gospel in the cathedral of Durham.

Indulgentia. Universis sanctæ matris ecclesiæ filiis, ad quorum notitiam pervenerit hæc scriptura, Ricardus, permissione divina, Dunelmensis ecclesiæ minister humilis, salutem in amplexibus Salvatoris. Propositum evangelicæ doctrinæ pabulum humiliter servis Dei, fœcunda multiplicatione, pii Largitoris laudibus adjicit; proponentes namque gratificat, et proficit audientibus, quos ædificando erigit nimirum proficit, et utrisque ad salutarem cognitionem viam aperit Creatoris. Convertentes igitur intuitum ad mores compositos, conversationem honestam, statum laudabilem, monachorum cathedralis ecclesiæ nostræ Dunelmensis, quos ad lucrifactionem animarum utiles, et ad proponendum aptos cernimus verbum Dei, de omnipotentis Dei misericordia, et gloriosæ Virginis matris suæ, beatorum Apostolorum Petri et Pauli, necnon sanctissimi confessoris Cuthberti, patroni nostri, omniumque Sanctorum meritis

An. Episc. 2. confidentes, omnibus parochianis nostris, et aliis, quorum diœcesani hanc nostram indulgentiam ratam habuerint, de peccatis suis vere contritis, pœnitentibus et confessis, qui ad sermonem alicujus eorundem monachorum reverenter confluxerint, ac aures eisdem intentas præbuerint, dum aliquem ipsorum publice prædicare, seu in publico exponere, contigerit verbum Dei, xl. dies de injuncta sibi pœnitentia, Deo propitio, misericorditer relaxamus; alias quascunque indulgentias, a venerabilibus patribus archiepiscopis, [aut] episcopis sedis apostolicæ gratiam obtinentibus, ad id hactenus concessas, et in posterum concedendas, ratas habentes, pariter et acceptas. In cujus rei, etc. Datum ut supra, anno Domini ut supra. A.D. 1312.

Acquietantia compoti Walteri de Gosewyk.

f. 67. Acquittance of the account of Walter de Gosewyk.

Universis ad quos præsentes literæ pervenerint, Ricardus, permissione divina, Dunelmensis episcopus, salutem in Domino. Sciatis nos, per auditores compotorum nostrorum, recepisse et audivisse, die confectionis præsentium, a Roberto de Sokepeth', nomine Walteri de Gosewyk', compotum de Norham, de omnibus receptis, expensis et liberatis, factis ad scaccarium de Norham, ab in crastino Ascensionis Domini, anno Ejusdem M°.ccc^mo.xj°., usque in crastinum Sancti Michaelis, anno Domini M°.ccc^mo.xij°., et pontificatus nostri secundo. Et sic, omnibus computatis computandis, et allocatis allocandis, debet idem Walterus nobis sex libras, quindecim solidos, quatuor denarios, obolum et quadrantem. Et, de toto tempore prædicto, dictum Walterum, et omnes suos quoscunque, de compoto, pro nobis et successoribus nostris; acquietamus, salvis nobis arreragiis prædictis. In cujus rei testimonium, præsentibus sigillum nostrum apposuimus. Datum apud Middelham, xviij°. die Novembris, anno pontificatus nostri secundo.

Memorandum.—

Memorandum of obligation

Quod xvij°. die Novembris facta fuit una obligatio Waltero de Gosewyk', bur-

A.D. 1312. to Walter de Gosewyk.

gensi de Berewyk' de quingentis quinquaginta una libris, tresdecim solidis, et sex denariis, solvendis per æquales portiones, in festis Pentecostes et Sancti Martini in hieme, anno Domini M°.CCC^mo. tertio decimo, An. Episc. 2.

Mandate in favour of those driven from sanctuary in the church of the Carmelite Friars of Newcastle, for the excommunication of their persecutors.

Contra abstrahentes confugientes ad ecclesiam.

Ricardus, permissione divina, Dunolmensis episcopus, dilecto filio, archidiacono Dunolmensi, vel ejus officiali, salutem, etc. Ad nos clamor ascendit, et cum quadam audivimus turbatione cordis et animi, quod quidam iniquitatis filii, propriæ salutis immemores, quosdam in ecclesia fratrum de Monte Carmeli, in Novo Castro constitutorum, qui, pro securitate et conservatione vitæ suæ, ad dictam ecclesiam confugerant, immunitatem ecclesiasticam implorantes, in Dei, et ecclesiasticæ libertatis, contemptum, ab eadem ecclesia violenter abstraxerunt; quos, cum præstantibus eisdem opus, operam, auxilium vel consilium, ipso facto, in majoris excommunicationis sententiam, contra violantes ecclesiasticam libertatem, a sanctis patribus provide promulgatam, non est dubium incidisse. Quocirca, discretioni vestræ committimus et mandamus quatenus in capitulis vestris, et singulis ecclesiis et capellis archidiaconatus prædicti, singulis diebus Dominicis et festivis, omnes et singulos, qui in abstractione dictorum confugarum, ope et opera, sive consilio aut auxilio, immunitatem et ecclesiasticam libertatem nequiter infregerunt, pulsatis campanis, et candelis accensis, intra missarum solemnia, majoris excommunicationis sententia denuncietis, et denunciari faciatis, publice et solemniter innodatos; ab hujusmodi denunciatione nullatenus desistentes, vel facientes desisti, donec aliud a nobis habueritis in mandatis. De nominibus, etiam, eorum qui præmissum facinus commiserint, et eisdem opem, operam, consilium, vel auxilium, præstiterint, cum omni diligentia, per vos et alios inquiratis, nosque, sine moræ dispendio, de hiis quæ in præmissis feceritis, ac de nominibus hujusmodi malefac-

An. Episc. 2. torum, cum vobis de ipsis constiterit, distincte et aperte, per literas vestras patentes, harum seriem continentes, non omittatis reddere certiores. Valete. Datum apud Stoketon', xxj°. die Novembris, pontificatus nostri anno secundo. A.D. 1312.

Contra gerentes se pro notariis.

Mandate to prevent persons not duly qualified from carrying on the business of Notary Public, and for the excommunication of Thomas de Heppeswell.

Ricardus, permissione divina, etc. dilecto filio . . . . ., officiali nostro Dunolmensi, salutem, etc. Cum nonnulli, gerentes se publice pro notariis publicis, imperiali auctoritate, ut dicunt, creatis, instrumenta quamplura, quæ esse publica asserunt, conficiunt in nostra diœcesi, et officium tabellionatus exercent publice, quamvis de auctoritate sua non constat, per quam possint et debeant hujusmodi officium exercere; vobis mandamus, firmiter injungentes, quatenus omnes tales ab exercitio officii hujusmodi, in nostra diœcesi, suspendatis, eorumque instrumentis nulla penitus, per vos neque alios subditos nostros, adhibeatur fides, donec de auctoritate sua fecerint plenam fidem. Ad hæc, Thomam de Heppeswell', procuratorem archidiaconi nostri Dunolmensis, propter suam manifestam offensam et contumaciam, coram nobis, in negotio super jure et jurisdictione archidiaconali, et ejus exercitio, in ecclesiis, quas religiosi viri prior et conventus nostri Dunolmensis in nostra tenent diœcesi, dependente, contractas, per nos excommunicatum, sic excommunicatum esse, publice et solemniter in consistoriis vestris, et locis aliis, nuncietis, et faciatis per alios nunciari, et a communione fidelium arctius evitari: nec ipsum, neque Johannem de Thresk' ad procurandum in causis aut negotiis quibuslibet de cætero admittatis, nec admitti quomodolibet permittatis, donec satisfecerint, et inde gratiam nostram meruerint obtinere. Datum apud Stoketon, xxij°. die Novembris, anno Domini millesimo trecentesimo duodecimo, et pontificatus nostri secundo.

Memorandum.—

f. 67 b. Indulgence of 40 days granted to

Quod xxiij°. die Novembris, anno Domini millesimo ccc^mo.xij°., concessit domi-

A.D. 1312. those contributing to the fabric of the church of Slaveley.

nus xl. dies indulgentiæ omnibus conferentibus de bonis suis, ad fabricam ecclesiæ de Slaveley, Dunolmensis dicœcesis. An. Episc. 2.

Receipt for a white sumpter-horse from Richard de Eryum, which he held in charge, as the goods of an intestate.

Receptio equi ab intestato defuncti.

Universis pateat per præsentes, quod nos, Ricardus, permissione divina, Dunolmensis episcopus, recepimus de dilecto filio, magistro Ricardo de Eryum, officiali nostro Dunolmensi, unum runcinum albi coloris, quem idem magister Ricardus habuit in custodia sua, de bonis quondam Johannis de Werdal', nostræ dicœcesis Dunolmensis, ab intestato defuncti, tanquam bona intestati. In cujus rei testimonium, has literas nostras sibi fieri fecimus patentes, sigilli nostri impressione signatas. Datum apud Middelham, xiiij°. kal. Decembris, anno Domini millesimo trecentesimo duodecimo, et pontificatus nostri secundo.

Appointment of John de Pollowe as receiver of the consistory court of Durham.

Commissio receptoris consistorialis.

Universis pateat per præsentes, quod nos, Ricardus, permissione, etc., de circumspectione, fidelitate, et industria dilecti nobis in Christo, Johannis de Pollowe, plenam fiduciam obtinentes, ipsum consistorii et curiæ nostræ deputamus, assignamus et facimus, receptorem. In cujus rei testimonium, præsentes literas sibi fieri, et nostro sigillo fecimus communiri. Datum apud Stoketon', xxiiij°. die Novembris.

Mandate to cite the prior and convent of Carlisle to appear before the bishop or his commissary, relative to their claim to the church of Quityngham.

Citatio quo jure tenet ecclesiam.

Ricardus, permissione divina, Dunolmensis episcopus, dilecto filio, decano de Corbrigg', salutem, gratiam et benedictionem. Vobis injungimus, firmiter et mandamus, quatenus citetis peremptorie religiosos viros priorem et conventum Carlioli, prætendentes se ecclesiam de Quityngham, nostræ dicœcesis, in duas portiones divisam, una cum advocatione vicariæ ecclesiæ prædictæ, canonice possidere, quod compareant coram nobis, primo die juridico post festum Sancti Hillarii, ubicunque tunc fuerimus in

An. Episc. 2. nostra diœcesi, alioquin, si tunc egerimus extra illam diœcesim, coram commissariis nostris, in Galilea ecclesiæ nostræ Dunolmensis, rationes, jura, et munimenta, quas, et quæ, si quæ sint, habeant super appropriatione, consolidatione et retentione, ecclesiæ memoratæ, ac advocatione prædicta proposituri, ostensuri, exhibituri, facturi et recepturi quod justitia suadebit, et consonum fuerit æquitati; denunciantes omnibus et singulis quorum interest, ac ipsos peremptorie citantes, quod, dicto die, coram nobis, vel commissariis nostris, ut prædicitur, intersint, si quod canonicum, vel rationabile, pro se habeant in præmissis proposituri, si sibi viderint expedire; et ulterius facturi et recepturi, quod canonicum fuerit in hac parte. Qualiter autem mandatum nostrum fueritis executi, nobis, vel commissariis nostris, constare faciatis ad diem, distincte et aperte, per vestras literas patentes, harum [seriem] continentes. Datum apud Stok', xxiiij°. die Novembris. A.D. 1312.

Resignatio ecclesiæ de Wolloure. Resignation of the church of Wolloure.

Christi fidelibus universis, præsentes literas inspecturis, Ricardus, permissione divina, Dunolmensis episcopus, salutem in Eo, Qui est omnium vera salus. Ad universitatis vestræ notitiam volumus pervenire, quod dilectus clericus noster, magister Henricus de Luceby, xxviij°. die Novembris, apud Crayk', literas venerabilis patris domini Johannis, Dei gratia, episcopi Lyncolniensis, nobis exhibuit, formam, quæ sequitur, continentes:—Venerabili in Christo patri, domino Ricardo, Dei gratia, Dunelmensi episcopo, Johannes, ejusdem permissione, Lyncolniensis ecclesiæ minister, salutem, et fraternæ dilectionis continuum in Domino incrementum. Constitutus, die confectionis præsentium, personaliter coram nobis, magister Henricus de Luceby, rector ecclesiæ de Wolloure, vestræ diœcesis, ipsam ecclesiam, cum suis juribus et pertinentiis, pure et simpliciter resignavit, pariter et dimisit, et loco hujusmodi ecclesiæ, sic dimissæ, virtute dispensationis

A.D. 1312. apostolicæ, sibi in hac parte concessæ, de qua suffi- An. Episc. 2.
cientem fecerat nobis fidem, ecclesiam de Blyburgh', nostræ diœcesis, cui cura imminet animarum, titulo institutionis, in forma admisit canonica, ac etiam acceptavit. Quæ ad vestræ paternitatis reverendæ notitiam deducimus per præsentes, ut ecclesiæ de Wolloure prædictæ, jam vacanti, per vos et alios, quorum intererit, canonice consulatur. In prosperitate diutina Altissimus vos conservet, ad ecclesiæ suæ regimen, et munimen. Datum apud Kyldesby, xv. kal. Decembris, anno Domini M°.ccc^mo. duodecimo.—Quam quidem resignationem, seu dimissionem, approbavimus et approbamus, ratificavimus, et ratificamus etiam, per præsentes. Notificavit etiam nobis idem magister Henricus, se tunc mandatum procuratoris sui, apud dictam ecclesiam de Wolloure et datam sibi quomodolibet potestatem, revocasse penitus, et expresse. Quod quidem mandatum et etiam potestatem, ut ex tunc et nunc in nostra præsentia revocavit. In cujus rei testimonium, sigillum nostrum præsentibus est appensum. Datum apud Crayk', xxviij°. die Novembris, anno Domini M°.ccc^mo. duodecimo, et pontificatus nostri secundo.

Inquisition Post mortem of Roger de Esshe.

Inquisitio de tenementis quæ Rogerus de Esshe tenuit.

Inquisitio capta, coram vicecomite, in pleno comitatu Dunelmensi, die Lunæ proximo post festum Sancti Edmundi archiepiscopi, anno consecrationis domini Ricardi, Dunelmensis episcopi, secundo, per sacramentum Willelmi de Knycheley, Johannis de Edmanesley, Johannis de Alemseles, Willelmi de Neuton', Nicholai de Marley, Nicholai de Richemund', Johannis de Heseworth', Johannis de Botesfeld, Thomæ de Windegat', Willelmi filii Ricardi de Lomley, Petri del Crok', Roberti de Malton', Henrici de Lomley, et Johannis de Fornacres; ad inquirendum de quibus terris et tenementis Rogerus de Esshe obiit seisitus, in dominico suo, ut de feodo, et quantum terræ idem Rogerus te-

An. Episc. 2. nuit de nobis in capite, et quantum de aliis, et per quod servitium, et quantum terræ illæ valeant per annum, in omnibus exitibus, et quis propinquior hæres ejus sit, et cujus ætatis. Qui dicunt, super sacramentum suum, quod idem Rogerus tenuit manerium de Esshe, cum pertinentiis, de domino . . episcopo in capite, in dominico suo, ut de feodo, die quo obiit, per homagium, et servitium unius libræ ceræ per annum, ad capellam in castro Dunelmensi, [solvendæ] et per tres adventus ad comitatum Dunelmensem per annum, videlicet, ad tres capitales curias, pro omni servitio. Et valet prædictum manerium, per annum, in omnibus exitibus, præter prædictum servitium, sexdecim libras. Dicunt etiam, quod idem Rogerus obiit seisitus de triginta tribus solidis, quatuor denariis, redditus, exeuntibus de uno messuagio et centum acris terræ, cum pertinentiis in Cokesyde, quæ dictus Rogerus tenuit de domino episcopo; per servitium sex solidorum et octo denariorum per annum, pro omni servitio, et sic remanent duæ[1] marcæ et decem denarii per annum. Item, dicunt quod idem Rogerus tenuit, in capite, de domino episcopo, in dominico suo ut de feodo, quinquaginta acras terræ in Middelwod', juxta campum de Esshe, per homagium, et servitium viginti solidorum per annum, ad scaccarium Dunelmense, pro omni servitio, et valent per annum, ultra prædictam firmam, triginta solidos. Item, dicunt quod Rogerus, filius prædicti Rogeri, est propinquior hæres prædicti Rogeri, et est de ætate triginta annorum. In cujus rei testimonium, præsenti inquisitioni prædicti juratores sigilla sua apposuerunt. A.D. 1312. f. 68.

Litera missa cancellario Dunolmensi quod inquirat per quæ servitia tenet tenementa.

Ricardus, permissione divina, Dunelmensis episcopus, dilecto et fideli nostro Willelmo de Denum, salutem, gratiam et benedictionem. Quia con- Mandate to the chancellor of Durham to inquire by what service Roger, son of Roger de

[1] *duæ*] duas, in MS.

A.D. 1312. Esshe, ought to hold the manor of Estheryngton.

stat nobis, per inquisitionem captam, per breve nostrum, quod Rogerus de Esshe tenuit de nobis manerium de Esshe, cum pertinentiis, in capite, in dominico suo ut de feodo, die quo obiit, per homagium, et servitium unius libræ ceræ, per annum, ad capellam in castro nostro Dunelmi solvendæ, et per tres adventus [ad] principales curias comitatus Dunelmensis faciendos per annum ; et similiter de triginta tribus solidis et quatuor denariis redditus, exeuntibus de uno messuagio et centum acris terræ, cum pertinentiis in Cokesyde, quæ dictus Rogerus tenuit de nobis, per servitium sex solidorum et octo denariorum per annum, pro omni servitio ; et de quinquaginta acris terræ in Middelwod, juxta campum de Esshe, per homagium, et servitium viginti solidorum per annum, ad scaccarium nostrum Dunelmense solvendorum, pro omni servitio ; et quod Rogerus, filius dicti Rogeri, est propinquior hæres prædicti Rogeri, et est plenæ ætatis :—vobis mandamus, quatenus prædicto Rogero, filio Rogeri, seisinam dictorum tenementorum, secundum tenorem inquisitionis prædictæ, habere faciatis, capientes ab eo securitatem de relevio et firma sua duplicandis, et de omnibus aliis, quæ ad nos pertinent, occasione mortis prædicti Rogeri de Esshe. Et quia volumus certiorari, per quæ servitia Rogerus filius Rogeri de Esshe debet tenere manerium de Estheryngton, de nobis, (quod quidem manerium Willelmus dominus de Heryngton' dedit Rogero de Esshe seniori, tenendum de capitali domino feodi, ac idem Willelmus manerium illud tenuit de domino Antonio, prædecessore nostro, per servitium militare, ut intelleximus,) vobis mandamus quod diligentem fieri faciatis inquisitionem, coram vobis, per quæ servitia manerium illud de Estheryngton' de nobis teneri debeat, et quæ servitia prædecessoribus nostris facere consuevit. Homagium autem et fidelitatem ejusdem Rogeri, ad præsens, ponimus in respectum. Valete. Datum apud Crayk', xxviij°. die Novembris, pontificatus nostri anno secundo.

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Litera missa domino decano et capitulo Eboraci.

A.D. 1312. Letter to the bishop of Durham from the dean and chapter of York, relative to toll taken of the men of Dalton-upon-Tese by the bailiffs of Derlington.

Venerabili in Christo patri, domino Ricardo, Dei gratia, Dunolmensi episcopo, sui devoti R. decanus et capitulum ecclesiæ Beati Petri, Eboraci, salutem cum reverentia et honore debitis, tanto patri. Ordinata recta principia frequentius reddunt prosecutionem laudabilem ad futura, quod qui divinum præmium in suis actibus sibi constituit, et præcipuum directorem ecclesiam reverentur ac mente sollicita libertates, et jura ipsius illæsa solerti studio nititur conservare. Ecce! pater, nuper audivimus, de quo turbamur non modicum, quod ballivi vestri de Derlington' homines et tenentes nostros in Dalton' super Tese, qui per chartas regum Angliæ, nobis et ecclesiæ nostræ Eboracensi, concessas, ab antiquo sunt quieti ab theolonio, in toto regno Angliæ, tam per terram, quam per mare, fatigant contra solitum, et eos super hoc exigunt, impediunt multipliciter et molestant, cum id nunquam, ante hæc tempora, fieri consuevit, contra libertates Eboracensis ecclesiæ potissime consuetas et usitatas, a tempore, cujus non existat hominum memoria; sicque eos in posterum exigere comminantur et impedire; quod non solum, in eorum præjudicium, verum etiam in derogationem juris nostri, dinoscitur redundare. Sed quia forsitan ad consilium aliquorum, qui conditiones rerum, sicut decet et expedit, non advertunt, fiunt frequenter illicita, quibus sicut credimus et firmiter tenemus, non assentiret vestra circumspectio, si jurium, libertatum et consuetudinum ecclesiæ nostræ prædictæ, f. 68 b.
quæ nondum, propter novitatem regiminis, scire potuistis, plenam notitiam obtineret, paternitatem vestram affectione devotissima, requirimus et rogamus, quatenus circa præmissa consulte provideatis, ne pompatica vanitas assentatorum debitæ dilectionis rumpat vinculum et rectæ rationis arbitrium rerum exitus prudenter non metiatur; et ut nos, qui prosperitatem vestram ferventer appetimus, vestrum paternum cognoscentes affectum,

A.D. 1312. ad ea, quæ vestri honoris respiciunt incrementa constituamur merito promptiores. Vestra valeat reverenda paternitas per tempora longiora. Datum Eboraci, iiij^to. kal. Decembris, anno Domini millesimo ccc^mo.xij°. An. Episc. 2.

The bishop's answer to the dean and chapter of York as to their foregoing letter.

Responsio ad literam præcedentem.

Reverendis viris et discretis dominis, decano et capitulo Beati Petri Eboracensis, frater Ricardus, permissione divina, Dunolmensis ecclesiæ minister humilis, salutem in sinceris amplexibus Salvatoris. Grandis affectionis benevolentiam, quam semper in vobis invenimus, et debiti honoris vinculum, quo matri ecclesiæ Eboracensi conspicimus nos teneri, jugi memoriæ commendantes, quæ fœdera pacis et quietis inter nos mutuo firmare poterunt, agere cupimus pleno corde, ac vestros, et vobis quomodolibet attinentes, in sua justitia et libertate favorabiliter confovere. Et quia, de fatigationibus, seu molestiis, tenentibus vestris in Dalton' super Tese illatis, per ballivos nostros in Derlington', contra solitum sicut dicitis, priusquam vestras literas recepimus, nequaquam nobis innotuit per quemcunque; vestræ discretioni et reverentiæ significamus, quod de præmissis faciemus inquiri, cum diligentia, veritatem; et si quid minus rationabiliter, vel injuste, actum fuerit, contra vestros, sine moræ dispendio, debite reformari, concessasque vobis et vestris libertates, infra libertatem nostram, quantum debemus, manuteneri multum benevole præcipiemus et defendi, quam citius nobis constiterit de eisdem, parati in aliis, ex animi affectione fœcunda, ad ea quæ vestri honoris et commodi respiciunt incrementum. Valete.

Letters dimissory for William de Corbrigge.

Litera dimissoria.

Ricardus, permissione divina, Dunelmensis episcopus, dilecto filio, Willelmo de Corbrigge, subdiacono, salutem, gratiam et benedictionem. Tuæ devotionis precibus favorabiliter inclinati, ut a quocunque episcopo regni Angliæ, vel infra ipsum

An. Episc. 2. regnum sacros ordines celebrante, ad eos quos nondum recepisti ordines licite promoveri valeas, eo non obstante, quod de nostra diœcesi oriundus existas, dum tamen sufficientem titulum exhibeas, et aliud tibi canonicum non obsistat, ei hujusmodi ordines conferendi, et tibi recipiendi, liberam concedimus facultatem. In cujus rei testimonium, præsentes literas tibi fieri, et nostro sigillo fecimus communiri. Datum apud Rykehale, xviij°. die Decembris, anno Domini M°.ccc^mo. duodecimo, et pontificatus nostri secundo. A.D. 1312.

Consimilem literam habuit Johannes de Baumburgh', acolytus, ad omnes ordines, et sub data, proximo die sequenti. The like letters for John de Baumburgh.

Commissio de compoto audiendo.

Ricardus, permissione, etc., universis ballivis et ministris nostris, in episcopatu nostro, constitutis, salutem, gratiam et benedictionem. Sciatis quod nos, de provida circumspectione, nota industria ac utili et vigili diligentia, dilectorum nostrorum magistri Johannis de Insula, domini Hugonis de Monte Alto, et domini Roberti de Brompton,' plenam fiduciam obtinentes, ipsos, ac duos eorum, assumptis sibi quos ad id viderint expedire, ordinamus, deputamus et assignamus, ad audiendum compotum et rationes omnium et singulorum ministrorum nostrorum, qui, ratione commissi sibi officii, nobis qualitercunque tenentur compotum solvere vel reddere rationem: dantes eisdem, et duobus eorum, plenam potestatem, et speciale mandatum, hujusmodi compotos et rationes audiendi, pecuniam nobis debitam recipiendi, allocationes et quietancias, ubi, et quando, et quibus rationabiliter viderint, faciendi. Et ideo vobis mandamus quod, prædictis Johanni, Hugoni et Roberto, vel duobus eorum, sitis in præmissis intendentes, humiliter et fideliter respondentes. In cujus rei testimonium, præsentes literas ipsis fieri fecimus patentes. Datum apud Crayk', iij°. die Decembris, anno pontificatus nostri secundo. Commission to audit accounts.

A.D. 1312. Mandate to the chancellor of Durham for the caption of John de Warayn, excommunicated for contumacy.

Pro excommunicato capiendo.

Ricardus, permissione, etc., cancellario nostro Dunelmensi, salutem, gratiam et benedictionem. Quia Johannes Warayn parochianus noster, manens in Sadbiry, propter suam contumaciam, pariter et offensam, ad instantiam domini Rogeri de Waltham contractam, prout, per officialem curiæ nostræ Dunelmensis, intelleximus, majoris est excommunicationis sententia involutus, et in ea jam per xl. dies et amplius perseveravit, animo indurato, et adhuc in eadem, contemptis ecclesiæ clavibus perseverat, vobis mandamus, quatenus, secundum approbatam nostræ regiæ libertatis in hoc casu consuetudinem, pro captione ipsius Johannis, ad ejus insolentiam reprimendam, nostro scribere vicecomiti nullatenus omittatis. Datum apud Rykehale, xxij°. die Decembris, pontificatus nostri anno secundo. An. Episc. 2.

f. 69. Names of the bishop of Durham's tenants in the county of Lincoln.

Nomina[1] tenentium feoda militum, de episcopo Dunelmensi, in comitatu Lincolniensi, secundum indenturam liberatam domino episcopo, per dominum Robertum de Wylugby.

Nomina tenentium tenementa in comitatu Lincolniensi, de episcopo Dunolmensi.

Sire, sachez que Robert de Wylugby tient le maner de Eresby, ove les hameles, ovesqes les autres villes apurtenauntes par serjauntye; cest a savoir, seneschaucie. Et Hugh Pincenn, auncestre le dit Robert, teint jadis vij. feez de chevaler en le counte de Nicole, des queux l'abbe de Kirkestede teint deux feez de Robert de Willugby en Kirkeby Thorp' et Tatersale. Et mesme celui abbe teint un fee en Wadingworth' de mesme celi Robert, du doun sire Johan de Bek', en almoigne tout treis; par les predecessours l'evesque de Duresme et conferme du chapitre. Et mesme celui Robert teint le remenaunt de les feez en Kirkeby Thorp', Tatirsale, Foletby, Gedington, et

Vide de hiis, infra, ultimo quaterno istius registri folio quinto.

[1] The first title is written at the top of the page, the other in the margin, as usual.

An. Episc. 2. Friskenay. Richard de la Haye teint jadis deux feez de chevaler en Brocelby et Askeby, les queux le counte de Lancastre teint ore del heritage sa femme. Hugh Wak' teint jadis deux feez de chevaler en Kelleby et Rouceby, et aliours, les queux Thomas Wak' ore teint, qi est en la garde nostre seigneur le roy. Philipe de Kyme teint treis feez de chevaler en Herdewyk', Bolington', Bromthorp', Alesby et aillours. Sire Robert Cosyn teint jadis la quarte partie de un fee de chevaler en Breteby, et mesme celi Robert teint la terce partie de un fee de chevaler en Pykeworth'; les queux feez sire Lambert de Trikinham teint ore: et mesme celi Robert Cosyn teint demy fee de chevaler en Gunwardby, le quel fee sire Wauter de Trikinham teint ore, et autre tenaunce de la ville ore tenent. Sire Johan de Ive teint jadis un fee de chevaler en Snartford, le quel fee sire Adam de Swylyngton' teint jadis de par sa femme, et or la tient sire William de Dysen. Henry de Horingesherd' teint jadis la terce partie de un fee de chevaler en Kirkeby et Eveden'; le quel fee le priour de Spalding' et sire Wauter de Osevyl' ore tenent, L'abbe de Seint Carlef teint jadis la priourte de Covenham, ove les membres, por deux messes chauntaunz par an; et ore est en la meyn de [l'abbe de] Kirkestede, en almoigne. Peres de Holme de Nicole teint jadis en le baile de Nicole tenementz par homage et fealte, rendant par an un amunce. Ceux sunt les nouns des tenaunce que deyvent swyte de vj. semoyns en vj. semoyns a la court l'evesque de Duresme en Nicole. Sire Jehane le fiz Baudewyn Wak fist la swyte par attourne par bref le roy; et Thomas son fiz [est] en la garde de roy, par qui la suyte n'est mye fayte. Sire Robert fist la suyte et ore sunt les tenemencz en la mayn sire Lambert de Trikingham et sire Wauter son frere, et la destreste est evite. Sire Johan de Ive fist la suyte et ore sire Adam de Swylington' faite la suyte par attorne, par bref le roy. Et nous A.D. 1312.

A.D. 1312. demandoms la suite de sire Philippe de Kyme et illad dedit, et dit q'il ad faite son homage, et en apris, en temps Loys evesque, fit le dit Philipp suyt par attorne par bref le roy. An. Episc. 2.

Memorandum of letters sent to the rector of the church of St. Mary in the North Bailey of Durham, and to the vicar of St. Oswald, to receive the clerks indicted of crimes within the liberty of Durham.

Memorandum.— Quod xxvj°. die Decembris missæ sunt literæ rectori ecclesiæ Beatæ Mariæ in Ballio Boreali, Dunolmi, et vicario Sancti Oswaldi, ad petendum et recipiendum clericos indictatos vel accusatos de criminibus, coram justiciariis domini episcopi, infra libertatem Dunolmensem.

Grant of indulgence of 40 days to all persons going to the church of Bliburg, in the diocese of Lincoln, and praying for the soul of Walter, formerly rector there.

Indulgentia. Universis, etc., Ricardus, permissione divina, etc., salutem. Dum sepulturæ locum oculus corporis præsentialiter intuetur, specialis memoria defunctorum recentior esse solet, et oculo mentis ad Christum in spiritus fervore directo ipsis intuentibus merita geminantur; dum pro resolutis orando, ecclesiam qua quiescunt ad honorem Dei et sancti ac patroni ejusdem ecclesiæ, devotione congrua reverentur, et ipsi ecclesiæ, suffragantur operibus pietatis. Devotionem igitur Christi fidelium, per crebra indulgentiarum munera propensius excitatam, ad saluberrima caritatis ac pietatis opera, volentes, ut possumus, ampliare, de Dei omnipotentis misericordia, ac beatissimæ genitricis Ejus, Mariæ semper Virginis, beatorum Apostolorum Petri et Pauli, sanctissimique Cuthberti confessoris et episcopi patroni nostri, et omnium Sanctorum meritis confidentes, omnibus parochianis nostris, et aliis, quorum diœcesani hanc nostram indulgentiam ratam habuerint, vere contritis et confessis, qui ecclesiam beati Alkmundi, regis et martyris, de Bliburg', Lincolniensis diœcesis, peregrinationis causa devote visitaverint, et pro anima Walteri, quondam rectoris ejusdem ecclesiæ, cujus corpus in ipsa ecclesia quiescit humatum, et animabus omnium fidelium defunctorum, etc. In cujus

An. Episc. 2. rei, etc. Datum apud Rykhale, xxviij°. die Decembris, anno Domini, etc. [M°.ccc^mo.] duodecimo. A.D. 1312.

Indulgentia. Universis, etc. Cum promerenda sempiterna gaudia sanctorum sint nobis suffragia plurimum opportuna, loca sanctorum omnium pia sunt devotione fidelium veneranda, ut dum Dei veneramur amicos, ipsi nos amicabiles Deo reddant, et, eorum quodammodo vindicando patrocinium apud Deum, quod merita nostra non obtinent, eorum mereamur intercessionibus obtinere. Cupientes igitur ut capella Sancti Leonardi Confessoris, infra abbatiam de Kyrksted', ordinis Cisterciensis, Lincolniensis diœcesis, situata, congruis honoribus et crebris populorum accessibus frequentetur, omnibus parochianis nostris et aliis, quorum diœcesani hanc nostram indulgentiam ratam habuerint, vere contritis et confessis, qui capellam ipsam humiliter visitaverint, et devote, vel ad fabricam ipsius, de bonis sibi a Deo collatis, quicquam contulerint vel legaverint, pia mente, de Dei omnipotentis misericordia, ac beatissimæ genitricis Ejus, Mariæ semper Virginis, beatorum Petri et Pauli Apostolorum, sanctissimique Cuthberti Confessoris et episcopi, patroni nostri, et omnium sanctorum meritis, confidentes, quadraginta dies indulgentiæ de injuncta sibi pœnitentia misericorditer relaxamus. In cujus rei, etc. Datum apud Rykhale, xxviij°. die Decembris, anno, etc. [M°.ccc^mo.] xij., et pontificatus nostri secundo. f. 69 b. Grant of an indulgence of 40 days to all persons going to the chapel of St. Leonard, within the abbey of Kyrsted, in the diocese of Lincoln, and contributing to the fabric of the same chapel.

Memorandum.— Quod xxviij. die Decembris, anno Domini M°.ccc^mo. duodecimo, concessit dominus xl. dies veniæ pro animabus Thomæ de Kellawe et Agnetis, uxoris ejus. Indulgence during 40 days for praying for the souls of Thomas de Kellawe and Agnes his wife.

Item, eodem die concessit dictus dominus xl. dies pro anima Willelmi de Kellawe, nati eorundem. The like for the soul of William de Kellawe their son.

A.D. 1312. The like for the soul of John de Wyncestre.

Item, eodem die concessit dictus dominus xl. dies pro anima Johannis de Wyncestr'. An. Episc. 2

The like for the souls of John de Boys and Agnes his wife.

Item, ultimo die Decembris, concessit dominus xl. dies pro animabus Johannis de Boys et Agnetis uxoris ejus, anno Domini supradicto.

Collation to the chapel of Ryngstanhirst.

Collatio capellæ de Ryngstanhirst'.

Ricardus, permissione divina, Dunolmensis episcopus, dilecto filio, fratri Roberto de Queldrik', salutem, gratiam et benedictionem. De tuæ conversationis honestate laudabili, quod a multis accepimus, testimonium acceptantes, in tuique nominis bono odore plurimum delectati, capellam de Ringstanhirst', cum omnibus ad eam pertinentibus, quamdiu te bene habueris et honeste, tibi concedimus, intuitu caritatis. Proviso quod ipsam capellam congrue sustineas, et vastum non facias in pertinentibus ad eandem. In cujus rei testimonium, præsentes literas tibi fieri, et nostro sigillo fecimus communiri. Datum apud Rykhale', secundo die Januarii, anno Domini millesimo ccc^mo.xij^o. et pontificatus nostri secundo.

Order for citation of the archdeacon of Durham and the prior and convent of Durham.

Præmunitio prioris et conventus Dunelmensis et archidiaconi et eorum citatio.

Ricardus, permissione divina, Dunolmensis episcopus, dilecto in Christo filio, . . . officiali nostro Dunolmensi, ejusve commissario, salutem, gratiam, etc. Cognitioni seu examinationi causæ vel negotii, quæ vel quod vertitur, seu verti speratur, coram nobis, inter religiosos viros . . priorem et conventum Dunolmensem, ex parte una, et reverendum virum, dominum Thomam de Goldesburgh', archidiaconum Dunelmensem, ex altera, super jurisdictione archidiaconali, et ejusdem jurisdictionis exercitio, in ecclesiis, quas dicti religiosi infra archidiaconatum Dunolmensem obtinent, primo die juridico post festum Sancti Hillarii proxime futurum, infra episcopatum nostrum interesse non valentes, certis ex causis et legitimis præpediti, dictarumque partium

An. Episc. 2. parcere cupientes laboribus et expensis, vobis mandamus quatenus dictos priorem et conventum, ac etiam archidiaconum, in ecclesiis suis, vel locis aliis ubi expedire videbitur, super hujusmodi impedimento nostro præmuniatis vel faciatis sufficienter præmuniri. Ad hæc, quid Thomam de Herpeswell' dicti domini archidiaconi procuratorem, coram nobis alias in jure personaliter constitutum, litem in dicto negotio contumaciter recusantem, quamvis legitime monitum contestari, excommunicavimus, et dictum dominum Thomam archidiaconum ad purgandum in forma juris dicti procuratoris sui contumaciam, in hac parte, vocandum, fore decrevimus, justitia suadente; vobis injungimus, quatenus præfatum dominum Thomam archidiaconum citetis, vel citari faciatis, quod compareat coram nobis, vel commissariis nostris, uno vel pluribus in Galilea Dunolmi, die Veneris proximo post festum Sancti Valentini martyris, videlicet, xiiij. kal. Martii, dicti procuratoris sui contumaciam in hac parte legitime purgaturus, facturusque ulterius et recepturus, in dicto negotio, quod ipsius qualitas et natura exigunt et requirunt; citantes nihilominus priorem et conventum Dunolmensem quod compareant, dictis die et loco, coram nobis, vel commissariis nostris, in præmisso negotio processuri, facturique et recepturi, quod justitia suadebit. Quid autem in præmissis feceritis, nos, vel commissarios nostros, unum vel plures, dictis die et loco, per vestras patentes literas, harum seriem continentes, distincte et aperte reddatis certiores. Datum apud Rykhale, ij. kal. Januarii, anno Domini millesimo ccc^mo^. duodecimo, et pontificatus nostri secundo. A.D. 1312.

Commissio in negotio super appropriatione vicariæ de Whitingham.

Appointment of commissioners to hear and determine the matter in dispute concerning the

Ricardus, permissione divina, Dunolmensis episcopus, dilectis in Christo filio subpriori ecclesiæ nostræ Dunolmensis, et magistris Johanni de Insula, juris civilis professori, et Ricardo de Eryum, de Aukeland' et de

A.D. 1313. appropriation of the church of Whitingham, and its union with the vicarage of the same.

Langecestr', ecclesiarum canonicis, salutem, gratiam, etc. De vestra fidelitate, discretione, et provida circumspectione, plenam in Domino fiduciam obtinentes, in negotio quod movemus, ex officio nostro, contra religiosos viros, priorem et conventum Beatæ Mariæ Karlioli, super appropriatione ecclesiæ de Quitingham, nostræ diœcesis, et super consolidatione, unione ac advocatione, ecclesiæ prædictæ, et vicariæ ejusdem, ad audiendum et recipiendum rationes, jura, et munimenta, quas, et quæ, prædicti prior et conventus prætendunt se habere in præmissis, et ad ea examinandum et discutiendum, et dictum negotium diffiniendum ac [tractandum] super præmissis, et idoneam personam religiosam vel sæcularem in dicta vicaria præficiendum et instituendum, necnon pro indemnitate ecclesiæ nostræ Dunolmensis in hac parte decernendum et ordinandum, vobis committimus vices nostras, cum coercionis canonicæ potestate ; ita quod, si vos omnes hiis exequendis simul interesse nequiveritis, duo vestrum, quos præsentes esse contingeret, ea nihilominus exequantur. Valete. Datum apud Rykhall, xij°. die Januarii, ut supra.

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f. 70.

Continuation of the matter above mentioned.

De eodem.

Ricardus, permissione divina, Dunolmensis episcopus, dilectis sibi in Christo filiis . . subpriori ecclesiæ nostræ Dunelmensis, ac magistris Johanni de Insula et Ricardo de Eryum, salutem, gratiam et benedictionem. Ad ordinandum in negotio quod movemus contra priorem Karlioli, super appropriatione ecclesiæ de Quitingham et advocatione vicariæ ejusdem, ac aliis, vobis, sub certa forma, commisimus vices nostras; in quo negotio et ordinatione ejusdem, formam condicti, de quo vobis, magistris Johanni et Ricardo, satis constat, ut credimus, volumus vos servare ; proviso, quod sic deliberate, sic provide, rite et circumspecte, in dicto negotio procedatis et ordinetis, quod processus et ordinatio vestra non valeant redargui, calumniari, nec irritari, in aliqua sui parte, vel in

An. Episc. 2. dubium aliqualiter revocari; et quod de pensione xij. marcarum, nobis et successoribus nostris, a vicaria prædicta et vicariis ejusdem, qui pro tempore fuerint, annuatim, perpetuis temporibus, persolvenda, in recompensatione læsionis ecclesiæ nostræ Dunolmensis, in hac parte, plena et firma securitas irrevocabiliter nobis fiat. Cætera in præmissis vestra suppleat discretio circumspecta. Valete. Datum apud Rychall', xij°. die Januarii, pontificatus nostri anno secundo. A.D. 1313.

Bulla domini Bernardi vicarii de Norton' super non residentia.

Bull of pope Clement V. granting leave of non-residence to Bernard de Kyrkeby, vicar of Norton.

Clemens, episcopus, servus servorum Dei, dilecto filio Bernardo de Kyrkeby, perpetuo vicario ecclesiæ de Norton', Dunolmensis diœcesis, salutem et apostolicam benedictionem. Etsi apostolicæ sedis ampla benignitas cunctis honesta petentibus se liberalem consueverit exhibere, illos tamen libentius præcipuis attollit favoribus et specialium gratiarum prærogativis honorat, pro quibus maxime, non solum suorum qualitas meritorum, sed illustrium personarum, Deo et ecclesiæ devotarum, consideratio, interpellant. Tuam itaque personam, tum contemplatione carissimi in Christo filii nostri Edwardi regis Anglorum illustris, cujus eleemosynarius esse dinosceris, tum etiam, ob suæ probitatis studia, quibus inhærere conspiceris, prosequi favorabiliter intendentes, tuis in hac parte supplicationibus inclinati, auctoritate præsentium, indulgemus, ut, usque ad triennium dicti regis obsequiis insistendo, fructus, redditus et proventus perpetuæ vicariæ tuæ, quam in ecclesia de Norton', Dunelmensis diœcesis obtines, cum ea integritate percipere valeas, cum qua illos perciperes, si in dicta [ecclesia] personaliter resideres; et ad residendum interim in eadem minime tenearis, neque ad id a quoquam invitus valeas coarctari. Non obstantibus quibuslibet consuetudinibus et statutis ipsius ecclesiæ, contrariis, juramentis, confirmatione apostolica, seu quacunque firmitate alia, roboratis, etiamsi de

A.D. 1312. illis servandis et non impetrandis literis apostolicis An. Episc. 2.
contra ea, et ipsis literis non utendo, a te vel alio impetratis, vel quocunque modo concessis, per te, vel procuratorem tuum, præstitisti forsitan juramentum, seu si venerabili fratri nostro . . episcopo Dunelmensi vel quibuscunque aliis sit a dicta sede concessum, vel medio tempore concedi contigerit; ut perpetuos vicarios et personas ecclesiarum suarum civitatis et diœcesis, per subtractionem suorum proventuum vel alias compellere valeant ad faciendum personalem residentiam in eisdem; aut si dilectis filiis . . . . capellano ecclesiæ prædictæ de Norton', quæ collegiata existit, ab eadem sit sede indultum, vel indulgeretur in posterum, quod ipsi perpetuis vicariis et personis dictæ ecclesiæ fructus, redditus et proventus perpetuarum vicariarum et aliorum beneficiorum tuorum ipsius ecclesiæ ministrare in absentia minime teneantur, et ad id compelli non possint, per literas apostolicas, non facientes plenam et expressam, ac de verbo ad verbum, de indulto hujusmodi mentionem; et quibuslibet privilegiis, indulgentiis et literis apostolicis generalibus vel specialibus, quorumcunque tenorum existant, per quæ, præsentibus non expressa vel totaliter non inserta, effectus hujusmodi nostræ gratiæ impediri valeat, vel differri, et de quibus quorumcunque totis tenoribus habenda sit in nostris literis mentio specialis. Proviso quod eadem vicaria debitis interim non fraudetur obsequiis, et animarum cura, si ei illa imminet, nullatenus negligatur, sed in ea facias per idoneum vicarium congrue deserviri. Nulli igitur omnino hominum liceat hanc paginam nostræ concessionis infringere, vel ei ausu temerario contraire. Si quis autem hoc attentare præsumpserit, indignationem omnipotentis Dei, et beatorum Petri et Pauli Apostolorum Ejus, [se] noverit incursurum. Datum in prioratu de Gransello, prope Maulausanam, Vasionensis diœcesis, ix. kal. Octobris, pontificatus nostri anno septimo.

An. Episc. 2. Bulla executoribus. Clemens episcopus, servus servorum Dei, venerabili patri episcopo Wygorniensi, et dilectis filiis abbati monasterii de Westmonasterio juxta London', ac magistro Rogero de Wedale, canonico Dumblaniæ, salutem et apostolicam benedictionem. Et si apostolicæ sedis ampla benignitas, etc., *omnia ut supra usque, in finem bullæ, verbis competenter immutatis.* Quocirca discretioni vestræ, per apostolica scripta, mandamus, quatenus vos, vel duo, aut unus vestrum, per vos, vel alium, seu alios eidem vicario per idem triennium, vel hujusmodi obsequiis insistenti, vel procuratori suo, ejus nomine, faciatis, auctoritate nostra, fructus, redditus et proventus eosdem, juxta hujusmodi concessionis nostræ tenorem, integre ministrari; non obstantibus omnibus supradictis, seu si dictis episcopo et capitulo, vel quibusvis aliis, communiter vel divisim, a dicta sede indultum existat, quod excommunicari, suspendi, vel interdici, non possint, per literas apostolicas, non facientes plenam et expressam, ac de verbo ad verbum, de indulto hujusmodi mentionem; contradictores, auctoritate nostra, appellatione postposita, compescendo. Datum in prioratu de Gransello prope Maulausanam, Vasionensis diœcesis, viiij. kal. Octobris, pontificatus nostri anno septimo. A.D. 1312. Bull of pope Clement V., in continuation of the above-mentioned matter. f. 70 b.

Bulla executoribus præcedentibus. Reverendo in Christo patri, domino, Dei gratia, episcopo Dunolmensi, et discretis viris, priori et capitulo, ac universis et singulis personis ecclesiæ Dunolmensis, necnon dignitates, personatus, administrationes, seu quæcunque officia, in eadem ecclesia habentibus, et omnibus aliis quorum interest, vel interesse poterit, et quos præsens tangit negotium, seu tangere poterit in futurum, Walterus, permissione divina, Wygorniensis episcopus, executor ad infrascripta, una cum infrascriptis collegis nostris, cum illa clausula, *Quatenus vos, vel duo, aut unus, vestrum, etc.*, a sede apostolica specialiter deputatus, salutem et Letter from the bishop of Worcester to the bishop of Durham, in continuation of the preceding business.

A.D. 1312. mandatis apostolicis firmiter obedire. Literas sanctis- An. Episc. 2.
simi patris et domini nostri, domini Clementis, divina providentia papæ Quinti, unam cum filo serico, et aliam cum filo cannabis, integras, et veris bullis plumbeis ipsius domini papæ, more curiæ Romanæ, bullatas, omni suspicione carentes, nobis, per discretum virum Bernardum de Kyrkeby, perpetuum vicarium ecclesiæ de Norton', Dunolmensis diœcesis, serenissimi principis et domini nostri, domini Edwardi, Dei gratia, regis Angliæ illustris, eleemosynarium, præsentatas, nos, cum ea qua decuit reverentia, recepisse noveritis; quarum prima, cum filo serico, de verbo ad verbum talis est :—" Clemens, " episcopus, servus servorum Dei," etc., *ut supra in prima bulla.* Altera vero, scilicet, cum filo cannabis, sic incipit;—" Clemens, episcopus, servus servorum Dei, " etc.," *ut supra, in secunda bulla.* Nos autem, ipsius Bernardi petitioni super hoc annuentes, et volentes mandatum apostolicum, nobis in hac parte directum, ut tenemur, exequi reverenter, vobis, domino . . episcopo, . . priori et capitulo, necnon omnibus et singulis personis ecclesiæ Dunolmensis, necnon dignitates, personatus et administrationes, seu quæcunque officia, in eadem ecclesia habentibus, et omnibus aliis quorum interest, vel interesse poterit, et quos præsens tangit negotium seu tangere poterit in futurum, literas apostolicas prædictas et omnia et singula in eis contenta, notificamus, insinuamus, publicamus et deducimus per præsentes; vos etiam, dominum . . episcopum, cum reverentia qua decet in hac parte, ac priorem et capitulum, necnon vos omnes et singulos supradictos, auctoritate apostolica nobis in hac parte commissa, requirimus et monemus, communiter et divisim, sub pœna canonicæ districtionis, vobis nihilominus, auctoritate prædicta, in virtute sanctæ obedientiæ, districte præcipiendo mandantes, quatenus, juxta prædictarum apostolicarum continentiam literarum, post præsentationem hujusmodi nostri processus vobis factam, et cum ex parte dicti Bernardi fueritis

An. Episc. 2. congrue requisiti, faciatis eidem Bernardo, vel suo pro- A.D. 1312.
curatori, ejus nomine, quantum in vobis est, auctoritate nostra, immo verius apostolica, fructus, redditus et proventus vicariæ suæ prædictæ integre ministrari, ac eum prædictorum omnium, cum pertinentiis suis, permittatis pacifica possessione gaudere. Cæterum inhibemus vobis, sub pœna coercionis canonicæ, ne eidem vicario, vel ejus procuratori, quominus fructus, redditus, et proventus, prædictæ vicariæ per dictum triennium, cum juribus et pertinentiis suis prædictis, integre et pacifice assequatur, et sibi ministrentur, ac pacifice valeat possidere, et eosdem cum integritate libere percipere, molestiam vel gravamen inferatis, aut impediatis, publice vel occulte, aut impedimentum aliquod seu molestiam vel gravamen ab aliis publice vel occulte eidem vicario seu procuratori suo, inferri permittatis; significantes vobis, quod contra rebelles et contradictores quoscunque, cujuscunque status, conditionis, vel dignitatis, existant, seu se eidem Bernardo quomodolibet opponentes, seu ipsum, aut ejus procuratorem, vel alium ejus nomine, in assecutione fructuum, reddituum et proventuum, prædictorum impedientes, publice vel occulte procedemus, quatenus de jure fuerit procedendum in hac parte. Nos enim quicquid contra præmissa, vel aliquod præmissorum, a quoquam est attentatum, aut in futurum per aliquem contigerit attentari, prout est, irritum decernimus et inane. Volumus etiam vobis fieri copiam de præmissis, sumptibus tamen vestris, si eam volueritis habere; præfatas quoque literas apostolicas, quas vobis mittimus inspiciendas, et hunc nostrum processum, volumus penes dictum Bernardum vel procuratorem suum, remanere, et non per vos, vel aliquem vestrum, aut alium extraneum, contra ipsius Bernardi, seu procuratoris sui, voluntatem quomodolibet detineri. Quod si contra hoc a quoquam in aliquo fuerit attentatum, dissimulare non poterimus, quin, juxta vim et effectum prædicti mandati apostolici, nobis in hac parte directi,

A.D. 1312. prout tenemur, in hac parte, procedamus. Per hunc autem nostrum processum nolumus, nec intendimus, prædictis nostris præjudicare collegis, quominus ipsi vel eorum alter, servato tamen hoc nostro processu, in præmissis procedere valeant et valeat, prout eis, vel eorum alteri, placuerit, et videbitur expedire. In quorum omnium testimonium, hunc nostrum præsentem processum sigilli nostri munimine fecimus roborari. Datum et actum London', in hospitio nostro viij. kal. Decembris, anno Domini millesimo ccc^mo. duodecimo, consecrationis vero nostræ, quinto. An. Episc. 2.

Date of presentation of the said Bull.

Dies porrectionis bullæ præcedentis. Dies porrectionis factæ per magistrum Thomam de Harpham, clericum, Eboracensis diœcesis, venerabili patri, Ricardo Dunolmensi episcopo, in manerio ejusdem de Rychall:—nono die mensis Januarii, anno Domini, ut supra, præsentibus magistris Johanne de Insula, Petro de Kellawe, Johanne de Sneynton', Henrico de Luceby testibus ad id vocatis et rogatis.

Indulgence during 40 days for praying for the soul of Roger de Toukotes.

Memorandum.— Quod xviij°. die Januarii anno Domini millesimo ccc^mo. duodecimo concessit dominus xl. dies veniæ pro anima Rogeri de Toukotes.

f. 71. Mandate to the receiver of Norham to pay 100*s.* to William Rydel, constable there.

Mandatum pro domino Willelmo Rydel. Richard, par la suffrance de Dieu, eveske que de Duresme, a Robert de Sokepeth', nostre resceyvour de Norham, saluz, ove sa beneicion. Por ceo que a nostre bien ame bacheler monsire William Rydel sumes tenuz diversement en deners, des queux nous voloms q'il soit duement servi, vous mandoms que por le terme Seint Cuthbert drein passe lui facez servir de c. souz, et avant de terme en autre, solom ceo que entre nous est accorde. Et des autres choses que a lui deivent apendre por le temps q'il fut nostre conestable, lui faites respondre et servir, si avant come il deit estre respondu et servi, par reson et custumes usez en voz parties. A Dieu. Done

An. Episc. 2. a Stoketon', le xvij. jour de Septembre, l'an de nostre sacre secunde. A.D. 1312.

Memorandum of a mandate to William de Brakenbiry promising to Roger, son of Roger Katelyn, Stanore in the ward of West Aukeland and Wotton.

Memorandum quod vicesimo viij°. die mensis Septembris, mandatum fuit per dominum Willelmo de Brakenbiry quod promitteret Rogero filio Rogeri Katelyn capere Stanore in Warda de Westaukeland' et Wotton' usquequo dominus aliud demandaret.

Mandatum. Mandate to deliver to Robert Parnyng the two mares chosen by Gilbert de Scaresbek for the use of the bishop of Chichester, with their equipments.

Richard, par la suffrance de Deu, etc., a Alexandre de Morley, saluz. Pur ceo qe nous emitams nostre cher Gilbert de Scaresbek' pur eslir deus jumenz, les quex il voudra, de tutts les noz, a l'ops nostre cher frier en Deu l'evesqe de Cicestre, e il ad elu deus, l'une des quex n'ad nule sute de ceste an, et nous voloms qu'il eient lur sute de cest ou d'un autre; vous comandoms que vous facez deliverer a Robert Parnyng', porteur de cestes, les deus jumentz, aussicome il sunt elutz par le dit Gilbert; ceste asavoir, l'une barde ove sun estage de la prochein anne passe. E ceo ne lessez en nule manere. Escrite a Aukland, Vendredi en la feste de Seint Michel, l'an de nostre sacre secunde.

Memorandum pro Rogero Dauney. Memorandum of a mandate to Mathew Dauney to deliver 60s. to Roger Dauney as a gift.

Memorandum quod, xxix°. die mensis Septembris, mandatum fuit Matthæo Dauney, quod liberaret Rogero Dauney lx. *s.* ex dono.

Memorandum quod liberetur filio Theobaldi mercenario. Memorandum of a mandate to William de Kellaw to deliver 40*s.* to the son of Theobald the mercer as a gift.

Item, eodem die mandatum fuit magistro Willelmo de Kellaw, receptori, quod liberaret filio Theobaldi, mercenarii, xl. *s.* ex dono.

Mandatum pro Roberto de Barton. Mandate to pay Robert de Barton 20*l.* sterling in part payment of money due to him.

Ricardus, permissione divina, Dunolmensis episcopus, dilecto sibi magistro Willelmo de Kellawe, receptori suo scaccarii Dunolmensis, salutem, etc. Mandamus vobis quod visis præ-

A.D. 1312 sentibus, absque dilatione vel excusatione aliqua, faciatis solvere dilecto nobis Roberto de Barton', viginti libras sterlingorum, in partem solutionis pecuniæ sibi per nos debitæ. Et hoc, sicut honorem nostrum diligitis, nullo modo omittatis; literas dicti Roberti, de acquietancia de receptione dictæ pecuniæ, ab eodem recipientes. Datum apud Middelham, ultimo die Septembris, pontificatus nostri anno secundo. An. Episc. 2.

Mandate that Alayn de Langeton is not to be put on juries and assizes on account of his age.

Mandatum pro Alano de Langeton.

Richard, par la suffrance de Dieu, eveske de Duresme, a son feal et loial Williame de Denum, saluz, ove sa benicioun. Por ceo que nous avoms entenduz que Alayn de Langeton' est de tiel age q'il ne doit mes, par reson, estre mis ne somons en jurez, ne en assyses, ne as countez, si voloms nous que de ceo soit desporte; par qei vous mandoms que de ceo noz lettres overtes lui facez avoir. Done a Stoketon, le iiij. jour de Octobre, l'an de nostre sacre secunde.

Bond to pay 200 marks sterling to Gilbert de Routhebyrs.

Obligatio facta domino Gilberto de Routhbirs.

Christi fidelibus universis pateat per præsentes, quod nos, Ricardus, permissione divina, Dunolmensis episcopus, fatemur nos teneri et efficaciter obligari, discreto viro, domino Gilberto de Routhebyrs, illustrissimi regis Angliæ justiciario, in ducentis marcis sterlingorum, ab eo ex causa mutui habitis et receptis; quam quidem pecuniam in nostram, et ecclesiæ nostræ Dunelmensis, utilitatem plene fatemur esse conversam; ipsamque pecuniam eidem domino Gilberto, vel ejus attornato, aut nuncio præsentes literas deferenti, apud Dunolmum seu London', prout sibi magis placuerit, promittimus solvere et liberare, infra unum mensem a die quo per eum, vel suum nuncium, super hoc fuerimus requisiti. Et ad hæc omnia fideliter facienda obligamus nos et omnia bona nostra, mobilia et immobilia, ecclesiastica et mundana, ubicumque locorum inventa, jurisdictioni et

An. Episc 2. coercioni cujuscunque judicis ecclesiastici vel civilis, quem idem dominus Gilbertus adire vel eligere voluerit in hac parte: exceptioni non numeratæ, non traditæ, non solutæ nobis pecuniæ, et in nostram et ecclesiæ nostræ utilitatem non conversæ, et omni juri scripto canonico et civili, ac omni rationi et privilegio, per quam vel quod contra præmissa, vel aliquod præmissorum, venire possemus, renunciantes penitus et expresse. In quorum omnium testimonium, sigillum nostrum præsentibus est appensum. Datum Midd', primo die Octobris, anno Domini millesimo ccc^mo^.xii^o^. et pontificatus nostri secundo. A.D. 1312.

Mandatum. Ricardus, Dei gratia, Dunelmensis episcopus, Willelmo de Heburn, ballivo de Stoketon, salutem et benedictionem. Quia compertum est per inspectionem rotulorum compoti Johannis Barn', nuper redditi, apud Dunolmum, coram executoribus testamenti domini Antonii prædecessoris nostri, et coram domino H. de Monte Alto et Thoma de Fissheburn', quod idem Johannes debuit dictis executoribus de arreragiis compoti sui prædicti xvij. *li.* vij. *s.* iiij. *d. ob.* de quibus adhuc nihil solvit; tibi præcipimus, quod prædictos denarios de bonis et catallis ipsius Johannis fieri et levari faciatis, et denarios illos in Gardropa nostra habeas sine dilatione; quia oportet nos satisfacere prædictis executoribus de denariis supradictis. Et quod idem Johannes est nativus noster, tibi præcipimus, quod sis in auxilium eidem Johanni ad levandum debita sua, quæ debitores sui coram te recognoscere voluerint. Et omnia ista a te volumus fieri infra mensem Sancti Michaelis proxime futurum. Datum apud Stoketon' xj^o^. die Octobris, anno consecrationis nostræ secundo. f. 71 b. Mandate to pay to the executors of Anthony, the late bishop, 17*l.* 7*s.* 4½*d.*

Memorandum.— Quod xix. die Januarii, anno Domini Mcccxij., concessit dominus xl. dies veniæ Indulgence during 40 days for praying for the soul of Cecily, con-

A.D. 1312. sort of Richard Daverynges.

pro anima Cæciliæ quondam consortis Ricardi de Daverynges. An. Episc. 2.

The like for the soul of John de Almetington.

Item, eodem die concessit dominus xl. dies pro anima Johannis de Almetington'.

Grant of an annual pension to Roger de Northburgh.

Pensio.

Universis sanctæ matris ecclesiæ filiis pateat per præsentes, quod nos, Ricardus, permissione divina, Dunolmensis episcopus, merita carissimi nostri domini Rogeri de Northburgh', domini nostri regis Angliæ clerici, zelumque devotionis ejusdem, quem ad nos et ecclesiam nostram Dunolmensem habere dinoscitur, plenius attendentes, eidem annuam pensionem quinque marcarum, de nobis singulis annis ad duos terminos, videlicet, ad festa Pentecostes et Sancti Martini per æquales portiones, percipiendam, concedimus, donec sibi de beneficio ecclesiastico competenti duxerimus providendum. In cujus rei testimonium, sigillum nostrum præsentibus duximus apponendum. Datum apud Rykhale, xviiij°. die Januarii, anno Domini M°.ccc^mo. duodecimo.

Letter to the king from the bishop of Durham, praying him to give credence to John de Snaynton, sent to his majesty on matters touching the bishopric of Durham.

Litera missa regi.

A treshaut et noble prince, et son tres honorable seigneur, sir Edward par la grace de Dieu, roy d'Engleterre, seigneur d'Irlaund, et ducs d'Aquitayne, le soen devout chapeleyn, Richard, par la suffraunce [de] Dieu, evesque de Duresme, quant qu'il puit des bones prieres, service, reverence et honoures. Trescher sire, pour bosoignes que l'estat de nostre eglise de Duresme nous touchent, enveioms a vostre hautesse nostre chier clerc, mestre Johan le portour de cestes, en priaunt vostre seigneurie devoutement, que foi et creaunce voillez donere benignement au dit mestre Johan, en chose qu'il vous mustra plus pleinement de par nous, et vos voluntez nous commaunder fiablement en totes choses que faire pooms. Nostre Seigneur vous garde, a governaille de son poeple, et vous

An. Episc. 2. doint bone vie et lunge. Escrit a Rykhale, le xviij. jour de Janver. A.D. 1312.

Litera missa domino Johanni de Merkingfeld' pro priore Dunelmensi.

Letter from the bishop to John de Merkingfeld for the prior and convent of Durham.

Reverendæ discretionis viro, et amico in Domino prædilecto, domino Johanni de Merkyngfeld', Ricardus, permissione divina, Dunolmensis episcopus, incrementum honoris et gaudii, cum salute. Super quotidianis afflictionibus et angustiis dilectorum filiorum, . . prioris et conventus ecclesiæ nostræ Dunolmensis, compatientes in intimis, et anxie condolentes, benevolentiam vestram, de qua sincere confidimus, affectione quanta possumus, requirimus pro eisdem, quatenus, super solutione pecuniæ in qua vobis tenentur, terminos velitis eisdem concedere, in quibus possint vobis satisfacere particulariter de eadem; et a domino Johanne de Sandale idem ipsis velitis, amore nostro, quæsumus obtinere. Quum integralis seu festina solutio totius debiti, quod vobis et dicto domino Johanni debent, non solum difficillima, sed potius impossibilis, erit eis, at si in eos patientiam habueritis, omnia reddent vobis, cum summis actionibus gratiarum. Et ideo plenitudinem amicitiæ et bonum patientiæ, quæ hactenus ostendisti eisdem, favorabiliter petimus contineatis, et eorum indigentiam adhuc saltem per modicum tempus, in solita benevolentia, supportetis, ut qui vos hactenus amicum habuerunt præcipuum, habeant etiam in hoc propitium adjutorem, et vestræ debeant ascribere benignitati, si, post tot vexationes et angustias, adjiciant ut resurgant. Statum vestrum conservet incolumem, et dirigat in honore, clemens patientia Salvatoris. Datum apud Rykhale, xxj°. die Januarii.

Commissio vicarii generalis.

Commission appointing certain persons as vicars general in the diocese of Durham.

Ricardus, permissione divina, Dunolmensis episcopus, dilectis filiis . . priori ecclesiæ nostræ Dunelmensis, et decano ecclesiæ nostræ præbendalis de Aukeland', salutem, gratiam et benedictionem. Cupientes ut commissi nobis regiminis cura rite et tute agatur solicitæque custodiæ deputetur, de

A.D. 1312. vestris circumspectione, fidelitate et industria, plenius confidentes, vos, conjunctim et divisim, in nostris civitate et diœcesi Dunolmensibus, quamdiu nos abesse contigerit, nostros facimus et constituimus vicarios generales, ad examinandum quarumcunque electionum, in dictis nostris civitate et diœcesi de quibuscunque personis factarum, negotia, ac electiones et electos quoscunque in forma juris debita confirmandi, et tam de criminibus quam de excessibus subditorum nostrorum clericorum et laicorum, quam de vacatione beneficiorum f. 72. quorumlibet ipsarum civitatis et diœcesis, et de hiis quæ circa ea necessaria fuerint, vel opportuna, inquirendi, præsentationesque ad beneficia hujusmodi factas, et præsentatos ad eadem, admittendi, et ipsos instituendi in eisdem, ac exequendi ulterius, quod incumbit, corrigendi, reformandi et puniendi excessus, crimina et defectus, literas dimissorias sufficientes titulos habentibus, in forma canonica, concedendi, in causis et negotiis cognoscendi, pronunciandi et exequendi, ac faciendi et expediendi omnia et singula quæ ad officium vicarii generalis de jure quomodolibet poterunt pertinere; collatione omnium beneficiorum, quæ, occasione juris nostri patronatus, seu temporis lapsus, ad nostram collationem pertinent, aut in posterum pertinebunt, nobis ipsis totaliter reservata; vobis, conjunctim et divisim, concedimus ac transferimus in vos, ac vestrum quemlibet in solidum, potestatem, vices nostras, cum potestate cujuslibet coercionis canonicæ, vobis in hiis et ea contingentibus, conjunctim et divisim, ut præmittitur, committentes. Valete. Datum apud Alverton', xxvj°. die Novembris, anno Domini millesimo trecentesimo duodecimo, et pontificatus nostri secundo. An. Episc. 2.

Acquittance to Richard de Eryum for arrears of a moiety due to the late king from the clergy of the diocese of Durham.

Acquietancia pro magistro Ricardo de Eryum.

Universis pateat per præsentes, quod nos, Ricardus, permissione divina, Dunolmensis episcopus, recepimus de personis ecclesiarum, de Felton', vj.*li.* xiij.*s.* iiij.*d.*; de Wolsing-

An. Episc. 2. ham, vj.*li.* xiij.*s.* iiij.*d.*; de Thokerington', xxxiiij.*s. q.*; A.D. 1313.
de Whytefeld', xxxj.*s.* j.*d. q.*; item, de Stanhop', xl.*s.*; de Whyteburn, lxvj.*s.* viij.*d.*; de vicario de Bywell' Petri, xxxj.*s.* x.*d.*; item, de portione quæ fuit Roberti de Biles, in ecclesia de Derlington', cxj.*s.* j.*d. q.*; de portione Andræ de Kirkenny in eadem, cxj.*s.* j.*d. q.*; item, de portione quæ fuit Rogeri Doly, in ecclesia de Aukeland', x.*li.*; item, de portione quæ fuit Thomæ de Sudington', in ecclesia de Langecestr' viij.*li.* vj.*s.* viij.*d.*; de portione quæ fuit Johannis de Brabancia, in ecclesia de Norton', xl.*s.*; de portione quæ fuit Karoli de Bello Monte, in ecclesia de Ponteland, lxxiij.*s.* iiij.*d.*; item, de vicario Cestriæ, x.*li.* ij.*s.* ij.*d. ob.*, per manus dilecti filii, magistri Ricardi de Eryum, officialis nostri Dunolmensis, solventibus pro arreragiis medietatis, dudum a clero Dunolmensis diœcesis domino Edwardo, quondam regi Angliæ, patri regis qui nunc est, in subsidium concessæ, se et beneficia sua contingentibus, secundum tenorem brevis regii, pro levandis arreragiis medietatis prædictæ nuper nobis directi. In cujus rei testimonium, has literas nostras sibi fieri fecimus patentes, sigilli nostri impressione munitas. Datum apud Crayk', xxvij°. die Januarii, anno Domini, etc. [M°.CCC^mo.] xij°., et pontificatus nostri secundo.

Litera responsiva episcopo Pictavensi pro ecclesia de Whyteburn.

Letter to the bishop of Poictiers relative to the church of Whyteburn.

Venerabili in Christo patri, domino A., Dei gratia, episcopo Pictavensi, domini papæ camerario, frater Ricardus, permissione divina, Dunolmensis ecclesiæ minister humilis, honorem et reverentiam, cum salute. Benevolentiæ plenitudinem, quam in vestræ benignitatis conspectibus, in nostris agendis, invenimus, in jugi memoria retinentes, ad obsequendum vestris beneplacitis, requisitionibus et mandatis, plenis et promptis affectibus offerimus nos paratos, vestræque sanctitati innotescimus per præsentes, quod magister Ademarus de Virsaco, qui gerit negotia domini Beraldi de

A.D. 1312. Fargis, aut alius quisquam per eundem magistrum Ademarum deputatus, per nos, seu de mandato nostro, non est aliqualiter impeditus, quominus fructus et proventus ecclesiæ de Whiteburn', nostræ diœcesis, recipere possit, et eos quomodolibet ministrare, prout utilitati domini sui viderit expedire. Quod si per aliquem de nostris impeditus fuerit, cum id nobis innotuerit festinum et opportunum remedium apponemus. Verum quia dominus noster rex, pro eo quod præsentatum suum ad prædictam ecclesiam de Whyteburn' non admisimus, coram justiciariis suis nos implacitat, ac ministrales sui nobis, ob id, graviter comminantur, multipliciterque fatigant, si forsan, per ipsum præsentatum dicti domini regis, præfatus magister Ademarus, quominus fructus et proventus memoratæ ecclesiæ administrare libere valeat, fuerit impeditus, regali potentiæ non possumus resistere, nec, prout vestræ circumspectionis novit eminens prudentia, mandatis nostri principis et domini contraire. Paternitatem vestram reverendam conservet semper incolumem et jucundam potentia Trinitatis. Datum apud Crayk', xxix°. die Novembris. Au. Episc. 2

Mandate for the citation of William de Wyrkesal in relation to his holding the church of Hertebourn.

Citatio pro ecclesia de Herteburn'.

Ricardus, permissione divina, Dunelmensis episcopus, dilecto filio . . . archidiacono Northumbriæ, vel ejus officiali, salutem, gratiam et benedictionem. Quia dominus noster, dominus Edwardus, Dei gratia, rex Angliæ illustris, breve suum nobis transmisit, dilucide continens, quod præsentationem suam ad vicariam de Hertebourn', versus dominum archiepiscopum Eboracensem, et magistrum Willelmum de Wyrkesal', in curia sua, coram justiciariis suis, recuperavit, ac per alias literas suas magistrum Johannem de Percy ad eandem vicariam nobis præsentavit; nos instantibus præcavere periculis, ac officii nostri debitum exequi, volentes, ut tenemur, vobis injungendo mandamus, quatenus dictum magistrum Willelmum, dictæ vicariæ possessioni, ut asseritur, incumbentem, citetis,

An. Episc. 2. seu citari faciatis, quod compareat sufficienter et legitime coram nobis die Sabbati proxima post festum Sanctæ Agathæ Virginis, ubicumque tunc fuerimus in nostra diœcesi, cum continuatione et prorogatione dierum, jura seu rationes, si quæ vel quas habeat, quare supradictum magistrum Johannem ad præfatam vicariam admittere minime debeamus, propositurus et ostensurus, facturusque et recepturus, quod justitia suadebit. Quid autem in præmissis feceritis, nos dictis die et loco, per vestras patentes literas harum seriem continentes, reddatis certiores. Datum apud Crayk', xxx°. die Januarii, anno Domini millesimo ccc^mo. duodecimo, et pontificatus nostri secundo. A.D. 1313.

Institutio ecclesiæ de Hunstanworth.

f. 72 b. Institution of Adam de Heppescotes to the church of Hunstanworth.

Ricardus, permissione divina, Dunolmensis episcopus, dilecto in Christo filio, domino Adæ de Heppescotes capellano, salutem, gratiam [et benedictionem]. Ad ecclesiam de Hunstanworth', nostræ diœcesis, vacantem, et ad patronatum religiosorum virorum . . . prioris et conventus ecclesiæ nostræ Dunolmensis, prout per inquisitionem super hoc, de mandato nostro, factam, plenius apparet, spectantem, ad præsentationem eorundem, te admittimus, et rectorem instituimus præsentialiter in eadem. In cujus rei testimonium præsentes literas tibi fieri, et nostro sigillo fecimus communiri. Datum apud Crayk', v°. die Februarii, anno Domini, etc. [M°.ccc^mo.] xij°. et pontificatus nostri secundo.

Inductio de eadem.

Mandate for induction of Adam de Heppescotes into the church of Hunstanworth.

Ricardus, permissione divina, Dunelmensis episcopus, dilecto in Christo filio, domino . . archidiacono Dunelmensi, vel ejus officiali, salutem, gratiam et benedictionem. Quia ad præsentationem religiosorum virorum . . prioris et conventus ecclesiæ nostræ Dunelmensis, ad quos ecclesiæ parochialis de Hunstanworth' pertinere dinoscitur patronatus, prout per inquisitionem super hoc, de mandato nostro, captam,

A.D. 1313. plenius nobis constat, dominum Adam de Heppescotes admisimus et rectorem instituimus in eadem; vobis mandamus, quatinus eundem dominum Adam in corporalem possessionem dictæ ecclesiæ, cum suis juribus et pertinentiis universis inducatis et inductum canonice defendatis. Valete. Datum apud Crayk', v. die Februarii, pontificatus nostri anno secundo. An. Episc. 2.

Sentence of excommunication against George de Saluciis, who is cited to appear before the archbishop of York.

Sententia lata contra Georgium de Salucis.

Willelmus, permissione divina, Eboracensis archiepiscopus, dilecto filio, officiali nostro Eboracensi salutem, gratiam et benedictionem. Nuper Georgius de Saluciis, cum multitudine armatorum, diœcesim nostram ingressus, tendebat ad partes in quibus existunt prædia, possessiones et bona, ad decanatum Eboracensem pertinentia, ut ea invaderet et occuparet violenter; ac magistrum Robertum de Pykering', ejusdem ecclesiæ decanum, ipsiusque decanatus, et omnium ad ipsum spectantium, canonicum possessorem, temeritate propria perturbaret. Cum itaque verisimiliter timeremus ex facto hujusmodi cædes, homicidia et alia mala quamplurima, in proximo proventura, præsertim cum idem Georgius multorum nobilium et potentium, et aliorum hominum bellatorum, auxilium, per se et suos, palam et publice invocasset; et ad mala hujusmodi perpetranda, cum armatis, esset paratus, ac etiam antea pluries, tam circa ejusdem decanatus, quam aliorum beneficiorum ecclesiasticorum, possessiones et bona excessus consimiles attentasset; nos, hujusmodi periculis obviare volentes, monuimus monitione peremptoria dictum Georgium, et quoscunque suos complices et fautores, ut desisterent a præsumptionibus supradictis, et omni violentia inferenda, alioquin in eundem Georgium, omnesque et singulos ei in præmissis auxilium, consilium vel favorem, præstantes, et adhærentes, (dominis rege et regina, et eorum primogenito, duntaxat exceptis,) majoris excommunicationis sententiam duxi-

An. Episc. 2. mus promulgandam. Cum autem decanus de Ponte- A.D. 1312.
fracto, et Thomas, nuncius noster, de mandato nostro, ad eundem Georgium accessissent, ad notificandum eidem monitionem et sententiam supradictas, idem Georgius, recepta copia hujus monitionis et sententiæ, prædictum decanum detinuit, et detineri fecit invitum, et, comminationibus gravissimis de cruciatu corporis atque morte illatis, literas nostras, eidem decano directas, a suis manibus eripuit violenter, ipsasque detinuit, nec ei restituit sæpius et magna instantia reposcenti. Et nihilominus, ipsius Georgii familiares et complices, eo sciente, et non prohibente, in equos tam decani quam nuncii irruentes, eorum caudas et auriculas amputarunt, ipsumque nuncium nostrum, fustibus et aliis armis atrocibus cæsum, quasi semimortuum reliquerunt: quæ omnia et singula sunt tam publica, manifesta et notoria, quod nulla poterunt tergiversatione celari. Ex quibus præfatum Georgium, suosque complices, maxime circa decanum prædictum hujusmodi maleficia perpetrantes, non est dubium in majoris excommunicationis sententiam, latam a canone, damnabiliter incidisse. Nolentes igitur tantos excessus, in Dei et sanctæ ecclesiæ contumeliam et injuriam perpetratos, conniventibus oculis, relinquere impunitos, præfatum Georgium citamus peremptorie, quod primo die juridico post octavas Epiphaniæ Domini, ubicumque fuerimus in nostra diœcesi, personaliter compareat coram nobis, super præmissis responsurus, facturus et recepturus quod justitia suadebit. Quocirca vobis in virtute obedientiæ, firmiter injungendo mandamus quatenus, tam in ecclesia nostra beati Petri Eboracensis, quam in cæteris ecclesiis collegiatis et parochialibus, per totam nostram civitatem et diœcesim constitutis, hujusmodi citationum, necnon et excommunicationum sententias supradictas, publicetis, et faciatis solemniter publicari, ac prædicto Georgio, si forsan ad ejus præsentiam tutus accessus vobis patuerit, intimetis, a publicatione sententiarum prædic-

A.D. 1313. tarum non cessantes quousque a nobis aliud habueritis in mandatis; inhibentes etiam publice cunctis fidelibus ne præfato Georgio, aut aliis excommunicatis prædictis, communicare præsumant, præterquam in casibus a jure permissis. De nominibus insuper, tam eorum qui prædicta enormia perpetrarunt, quam aliorum complicium ipsius Georgii, et fautorum, eique communicantium, diligentius inquiratis. Qualiter autem hoc mandatum nostrum fueritis executi, et de nominibus prædictorum, nos distincte et aperte, sine moræ dispendio, certificare curetis, per vestras patentes literas harum seriem continentes. Valete. Datum apud Cawode, secundo die Januarii, anno Domini, secundum computationem, seu cursum, ecclesiæ Anglicanæ, millesimo ccc^mo^. duodecimo, et pontificatus nostri septimo. An. Episc. 2.

Memorandum that the sequestration placed on the profits of the vicarage of the church of St. Nicholas at Newcastle has been relaxed.

Memorandum.— Quod xxiiij°. die Februarii, anno Domini millesimo trecentesimo duodecimo, relaxatum fuit sequestrum interpositum in fructibus et proventibus vicariæ ecclesiæ Beati Nicholai de Novo Castro.

f. 73. Mandate to remove William de Wyrkesale from the vicarage of Herteburn, and to admit John de Percy to the same.

Amotio magistri Willelmi de Wyrhall a vicaria de Herteburn'.

In Dei nomine, Amen. Auditis et intellectis meritis negotii, quod, ex officio nostro, vertitur super destitutione magistri Willelmi de Wyrkeshale, dicentis se vicarium ecclesiæ de Herteburn', Dunolmensis diœcesis, ab eadem vicaria, et admissione magistri Johannis de Percy, presbyteri, ad eandem vicariam, per dominum nostrum, regem Angliæ illustrem, nobis canonice præsentati, habito processu, qui in eodem negotio et juris ordine qui requiritur observato, quod invenimus dictum magistrum Willelmum vicariam ipsam de facto teneri occupatam, et nullum jus habere in eadem, dictumque magistrum Johannem ad eandem vicariam nobis canonice, ut præmittitur, præsentatum, ad vicariam ipsam fore admittendum, invocato Dei nomine, dictum magistrum Willelmum a detentione ejusdem vicariæ, qua-

An. Episc. 2. tenus de facto eidem incumbit, in hiis scriptis, de peritorum consilio, sententialiter amovemus, ipsumque magistrum Johannem ad eandem vicariam admittimus, et vicarium perpetuum instituimus in eadem. A.D. 1312.

Institutio ejusdem. Ricardus, permissione divina, Dunolmensis episcopus, dilecto filio, magistro Johanni de Percy capellano, salutem, gratiam et benedictionem. Ad vicariam ecclesiæ de Herteburn', nostræ diœcesis, vacantem, ad quam, per serenissimum principem et dominum nostrum, dominum Edwardum, Dei gratia, regem Angliæ illustrem, ratione episcopatus Dunolmensis nuper vacantis, et in manu sua existentis, nobis canonice præsentatus existis, te admittimus, teque, cum onere curæ ac corporalis residentiæ, et cæteris quæ incumbunt, in forma constitutionis Legati, super hoc editæ, perpetuum vicarium instituimus in eadem. In cujus rei testimonium, præsentes literas tibi fieri, et nostro sigillo fecimus communiri. Datum apud Myddelham, x°. die Februarii, anno Domini M°.CCC^mo.xij°., et pontificatus nostri secundo. Institution of John de Percy into the vicarage of Herteburn, on the king's presentation during the voidance of the see of Durham.

Inductio ejusdem. Ricardus, etc., dilecto filio, domino archidiacono Northumbriæ, seu ejus officiali, salutem, gratiam et benedictionem. Quia magistrum Johannem de Percy ad vicariam ecclesiæ de Herteburn', ad præsentationem serenissimi principis et domini nostri, domini Edwardi, Dei gratia, regis Angliæ illustris, ad quem, ratione episcopatus Dunolmensis nuper vacantis, et in manu sua existentis, ipsius vicariæ præsentatio pertinere dinoscitur, admisimus, ac perpetuum vicarium, cum onere curæ et corporalis residentiæ, ac cæteris quæ incumbunt, in forma constitutionis Legati, super hoc editæ, instituimus in eadem; vobis mandamus, quatenus dictum magistrum Johannem in corporalem possessionem dictæ vicariæ, cum suis juribus et pertinentiis universis, visis præsentibus, inducatis, et inductum, Mandate to induct John de Percy into the vicarage of Herteburn.

A.D. 1312. vice nostra, canonice defendatis. Valete. Datum apud Middelham, x°. die Februarii, pontificatus nostri anno secundo. An. Episc. 2.

Order for inquisition to be made concerning the dilapidations in the house and premises of the vicarage of Herteburn.

Inquisitio de defectibus domorum vicariæ de Herteborn'.

Ricardus, permissione divina, Dunolmensis episcopus, dilecto filio domini . . . archidiaconi Northumbriæ . . . officiali, salutem, gratiam et benedictionem. De vestra fidelitate et circumspecta discretione plenam in Domino fiduciam obtinentes, vobis committimus et mandamus, quatenus de defectibus, qui evenerunt, a tempore domini Thomæ de Herington', in domibus et aliis quibuscunque spectantibus ad vicariam de Herteburn', ad quorum reparationem constructionem vel inventionem, ratione dictæ vicariæ, magister Willelmus de Wyrkeshale, qui dictæ vicariæ ab illo tempore incumbebat, ac fructus et proventus ipsius percepit, de jure vel consuetudine tenebatur, per viros fidedignos, tam clericos, quam laicos, per quos rei veritas magis sciri poterit, diligenter, sine moræ dispendio, vocatis illis quorum interest, inquiratis; bona etiam præfati Willelmi, adusque quantitatem per inquisitionem inventam, sequestretis, et sub arcto sequestro custodiri faciatis, donec de defectibus hujusmodi magistro Johanni, nunc vicario ejusdem, fuerit satisfactum, aut aliud a nobis habueritis in mandatis. Datum apud Midelham, xj°. die Februarii, pontificatus nostri anno secundo.

Licence to Robert Eryum to attend the Schools.

Licentia adeundi scholas.

Ricardus, permissione divina, Dunolmensis episcopus, dilecto in Christo filio, magistro Roberto de Eryum, rectori ecclesiæ de Wolloure, nostræ diœcesis, salutem, gratiam et benedictionem. Quum per viros literatos Dei consuevit ecclesia venustari, cupientibus in agro Studii laborare, et acquirere scientiæ margaritam, ut fructum in ecclesia Dei suo tempore afferre valeant opportune, favorem li-

An. Episc. 2. benter, et gratiam, impertimur; laudabili igitur proposito tuo, quod ad morum et studii exercitationem habere te novimus, ut tibi per vitæ meritum, et aliis proficias per exemplum, pio concurrentes consensu, tuisque supplicationibus favorabiliter inclinati, ut in loco ubi Generale viget Studium, a data præsentium usque in biennium revolutum, morari valeas, scholasticis disciplinis insistens, et interim ad personalem residentiam nec secundum formam Constitutionis Bonifacii Octavi, nisi ad subdiaconatus ordinem tenearis, gratiosam tibi, tenore præsentium, licentiam indulgemus; proviso tamen, quod ecclesia tua debitis interim obsequiis, minime defraudetur, nec animarum cura negligatur aliquatenus in eadem. In cujus rei testimonium, præsentes literas tibi fieri, et nostro sigillo fecimus communiri. Datum apud Middelham, xj°. die Februarii, anno Domini millesimo ccc^mo.xij°., et pontificatus nostri secundo. A.D. 1313.

Collatio præbendæ in ecclesia de Aukeland'.

Collation of Gilbert de Sandale to the prebend in the collegiate church of Aukeland, void by the death of William de Blyburgh.

Ricardus, permissione divina, Dunolmensis episcopus, dilecto, in Christo filio, domino Gilberto de Sandale, salutem cum benedictione et gratia Salvatoris. Eximia probitatis merita, morum honestas, laudabilis conversatio, quibus personam tuam divina clementia multifarie decoravit, devotionisque sinceritas, quam erga nos et ecclesiam nostram continuis temporibus habuistis, efficaciter nos inducunt, ut ad id quod honoris tui et promotionis augmentum respicere poterunt favorabiliter inclinemur. Tibi igitur, fili carissime, canonicatum et præbendam quondam domini Willelmi de Blyburgh', in ecclesia collegiata de Aukeland', per mortem ipsius Willelmi, vacantes, et ad nostram collationem pleno jure spectantes, cum suis juribus et pertinentiis universis, conferimus, intuitu caritatis, teque de eisdem per has nostras literas investimus. In cujus rei testimonium, præsentes literas tibi fieri, et nostro sigillo fecimus communiri. Datum apud Middelham, xj°. die Februarii, f. 73 b.

A.D. 1313. anno Domini etc. [M°.ccc^mo.] xij°., et pontificatus nostri An. Episc. 2. secundo.

Presentation of William de Handlo to the church of Leek, void by the death of William de Bliburgh.

Præsentatio ad ecclesiam de Leek'.

Venerabili in Christo patri, domino Willelmo, Dei gratia, Eboracensi archiepiscopo, Angliæ primati, Ricardus, divina permissione, Dunolmensis episcopus, salutem, cum debitis et devotis obedientia, reverentia et honore. Ad ecclesiam de Leek', vestræ diœcesis, per mortem domini Willelmi de Bliburgh' vacantem et ad nostram præsentationem spectantem, dilectum nobis clericum, dominum Willelmum de Handlo vobis præsentamus; paternitati vestræ supplicantes humiliter et devote, quatenus prædictum dominum Willelmum ad eandem ecclesiam admittere, et ipsum in eadem instituere, et ulterius, quod vestrum est in hac parte velitis exequi, cum gratia et favore. In cujus rei testimonium, præsentes literas reverendæ paternitati vestræ sigillo nostro transmittimus consignatas. Valeat semper sancta paternitas vestra successibus in Domino gratiosis. Datum apud Middelham, xij°. die Februarii, anno Domini etc. [M°.ccc^mo.] xij°., et pontificatus nostri secundo.

Letters testimonial that William de Fery has canonically received priest's orders.

Literæ testimoniales de ordinibus.

Christi fidelibus pateat universis, quod nos, Ricardus, permissione divina, Dunolmensis episcopus, in ecclesia parochiali de Merington', nostræ diœcesis, die Sabbati "Quatuor tem-" porum," post festum Sanctæ Luciæ Virginis, anno Domini millesimo ccc^mo. undecimo, sacros ordines celebrantes, Willelmum de Fery, subdiaconum nostræ diœcesis, in diaconum, et die Sabbati "Quatuor tem-" porum" post festum Exaltationis Sanctæ Crucis, anno Domini millesimo ccc^mo.xij°. in ecclesia collegiata Cestr', prædictæ nostræ diœcesis, ad titulum sufficientem, de quo reputat se contentum, in presbyterum rite et canonice duximus ordinandum. In cujus, etc. Datum apud Middelham, xiij°. die Februarii, anno Domini etc. [M°.ccc^mo.] xij°., et pontificatus nostri secundo.

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Memorandum.— Quod eisdem die et anno concessit dominus literas testimoniales ordinum, et sub eadem data et forma, domino Waltero de Bolton', qui ordinatus fuit ad ordines diaconatus et presbyteratus, apud Eggesclive et Cestr'. A.D. 1313. The like testimonial that Walter de Bolton has received priest's orders.

Resignatio vicarii de Bywell'.

Venerabili in Christo patri, domino Ricardo, Dei gratia, episcopo Dunelmensi, devotus filius, Walterus de Jar', vicarius ecclesiæ de Bywell' Petri, vestræ diœcesis, salutem, cum debitis et devotis obedientia, reverentia et honore. Ad curam et regimen animarum, ac onera vicariæ meæ incumbentia supportanda, senio confractus, ac variis infirmitatibus præpeditus, me sentiens totaliter impotentem, vicariam prædictam, pure, sponte et absolute, resigno in vestræ sanctitatis manibus, per præsentes, omni juri quod mihi in eadem competit, aut competiit, expresse renuncians in hac parte. In cujus rei testimonium, præsentibus sigillum meum apposui. Datum Dunolmi, xix°. die Decembris, anno Domini millesimo trecentesimo duodecimo. Resignation of Walter de Jar[rowe], vicar of Bywell St. Peter.

Litera missa domino libertatis de Tyndale, pro captione infrascriptorum.

Nobili viro, domino Edmundo de Malo Lacu, domino libertatis de Tyndale, Ricardus, permissione divina, Dunelmensis episcopus, salutem in Eo, Qui est omnium vera salus. Dominationi vestræ notum facimus, per præsentes, quod Adam de Yarhalgh, clericus, Alanus Mungonson, Patricius de Evelingham, Johannes de eadem, Druetus Forestarius, Robertus del Dodde, Patricius del Dodde, Robertus filius Adæ del Bernes, Adam de Halghton', Gilbertus de Mora, Adam de eadem, Thomas Eldre, Adam Hirde, Johannes Spurnestan, Adam filius Ricardi de la Leye, Rogerus Turnour, Adam filius Johannis, Thomas Porter, Willelmus Wade, Alanus filius Johannis, Ricardus filius Johannis, Ricardus Shevill', Petrus del Grenehalgh', et Johannes Hunter de Espleywod, pa- Letter from the bishop of Durham to Edmund de Mauley, lord of the liberty of Tyndale, for the caption of certain persons therein named.

A.D. 1313. rochiani nostri, manentes in parochia de Symundburn', An. Episc. 2. auctoritate nostra ordinaria, in diœcesi nostra Dunelmensi, propter suas contumacias, pariter et offensas manifestas, majoris excommunicationis sententia innodati, in ea per quadraginta dies et amplius, animis induratis, pertinaciter indurarunt, et adhuc, contemptis ecclesiæ clavibus, perseverant. Quocirca, vestræ dominationi supplicamus quatenus, ad insolentiam prædictorum rebellium salubrius reprimendam, literas vestras, si placet, velitis concedere, secundum præobtentam meritoriam et piam consuetudinem regni Angliæ, ut quos divinus timor a malo non revocat, vestræ regalis potestas libertatis coerceat temporalis. Dominationem vestram conservet Altissimus, cum incremento continuo gaudii et honoris. Datum apud Kypier juxta Dunelmum, xiiij°. die Februarii, pontificatus nostri anno secundo.

Certificate of the bishop of Durham to the archbishop's court at York.

Certificatio facta curiæ Eboracensi.

Reverendæ discretionis viro . . officiali curiæ Eboracensi, vel ejus commissario, Ricardus, permissione divina, Dunolmensis episcopus, salutem, obedientiam et reverentiam, debito cum honore. Mandatum vestrum, iij°. die Februarii apud Crayk', recepimus, tenorem continens infrascriptum:—Venerabili in Christo patri, domino Ricardo, Dei gratia, Dunolmensi episcopo, officialis curiæ Eboracensis salutem, cum reverentia et honore debitis tanto patri. Sua nobis procurator domini Thomæ de Goldesburgh', archidiaconi Dunolmensis, petitione monstravit, quod cum religiosi viri . . prior et conventus Dunolmenses, super jurisdictione archidiaconali quam in ecclesiis suis, quas infra diœcesim vestram in proprios usus obtinent, se habere prætendunt, dictum dominum suum coram vobis traxissent in causa, libelloque conventionali parti dicti domini sui per partem eorundem religiosorum judicialiter tradito et porrecto, terminum competentem ad consulendum dominum suum, longe

An. Episc. 2. extra dictam diœcesim, ex causa probabili, tunc absentem, super hiis quæ in dicto libello continebantur, et diem ad deliberandum super eodem super quo prius non deliberavit, nomine procuratorio, pro domino suo prædicto, sibi per vos assignari et concedi, copiam insuper actorum et quorundam instrumentorum, ex parte eorundem religiosorum, pro intentione sua fundanda exhibitorum coram vobis, quam pars dicti domini sui neutiquam habuit, et de jure habere debuit, decerni, et cum effectu fieri, ac justitiam debitam exhiberi, a vobis humiliter et cum instantia petivisset; vos tamen terminum hujusmodi competentem, seu diem ad deliberandum, assignare sibi, vel concedere, copiamque dictorum actorum et instrumentorum judicialium decernere et fieri facere, et justitiam in præmissis exhibere, non curastis, sæpius et legitime requisiti; quinimmo, terminum peremptorium, et nimis infra quem dictum dominum suum super præmissis nequivit consulere, ad contestandum libello prædicto, sibi, contra juris debitum præfixistis: propter quæ, et eorum quodlibet, memoratus procurator, sentiens dictum dominum suum, et se ejus nomine, per vos indebite prægravari, nomine procuratorio, pro eodem, curiæ Eboracensi legitime, sicut asserit, appellavit. Quocirca reverendæ paternitati vestræ, cum ea reverentia qua decet, auctoritate dictæ curiæ, firmiter inhibemus, et per vos omnibus aliis quibus jus inhiberi exigit et permittit, inhiberi volumus et mandamus, ne, pendente in dicta curia hujusmodi appellationis causa, quicquam in partis appellantis præjudicium attentetis, seu faciatis per alios quomodolibet attentari, quominus appellationem suam libere prosequi valeat, ut intendit; citari nihilominus peremptorie facientes dictam partem appellatam, quod compareat coram nobis, vel commissario nostro, in majori ecclesia Eboracensi, die Veneris in crastino Beati Petri in Cathedra, in prædicta appellationis causa processura, factura ulterius et receptura quod justitia suadebit. A.D 1313. f. 74.

A.D. 1313. Et vos ibidem intersitis, si vestra videritis interesse. An. Episc. 2.
De die vero porrectionis præsentium vobis factæ, et quid feceritis, seu faciendum duxeritis in præmisis, nobis, vel commissario nostro, ad eundem diem constare faciatis per vestras patentes literas, harum seriem continentes. Datum Eboraci, xvj. kal. Februarii, anno gratiæ millesimo ccc^mo^. duodecimo.—Cujus auctoritate mandati, post receptionem ejusdem, in partis appellantis præjudicium nil attentantes, citari fecimus peremptorie partem appellatam, quod compareat coram vobis, vel commissario vestro, die et loco suprascriptis, in prædicta appellationis causa processura, factura ulterius, et receptura, quod justitia suadebit. Valete. Datum apud Middelham, xviij°. die Februarii, pontificatus nostri secundo.

Indulgence granted for 40 days for praying for the soul of Robert de Cotum, and those of his father and mother, buried in the churchyard of Halghton.

Memorandum.— Quod xvj°. die Februarii, anno Domini millesimo ccc^mo^.xij°. concessit dominus xl. dies veniæ, pro anima Roberti de Cotum et animabus patris et matris suæ, quorum corpora requiescunt in cœmeterio ecclesiæ de Halghton'.

The like for the soul of John de Hoveden, whose body is buried in the churchyard of the cathedral of Durham.

Memorandum.— Item, decimo-nono die Februarii concessit dominus xl. dies veniæ pro anima Johannis de Hoveden', cujus corpus in cœmeterio ecclesiæ cathedralis Dunolmensis humanæ traditur sepulturæ.

Licence to William de Bereford to attend the Schools.

Licentia adeundi scholas. Ricardus, permissione divina, Dunolmensis episcopus, dilecto in Christo filio, domino Willelmo de Bereford', rectori ecclesiæ de Morpath', salutem, gratiam et benedictionem. Quia per viros literatos Dei consuevit ecclesia venustari, cupientibus in agro studii laborare, et scientiæ acquirere margaritam, favorem libenter, et gratiam impertimur; laudabili igitur proposito tuo, quod ad morum et studii exercitationem habere te novimus, ut tibi per vitæ

An. Episc. 2. meritum, et aliis proficiens per exemplum, in ecclesia Dei fructum afferre valeas opportunum, pio concurrentes consensu, tuisque supplicationibus favorabiliter inclinati, ut in loco ubi Generale viget Studium, scholasticis insistens disciplinis, a data præsentium usque in annum revolutum, morari valeas, et interim ad personalem residentiam minime tenearis, gratiosam tibi licentiam indulgemus; proviso tamen, quod ecclesia tua prædicta divinis interim non fraudetur obsequiis, nec animarum cura negligatur aliquatenus in eadem. Super eo vero quod in ecclesia tua minime personaliter resedistis, te reputamus, et habemus, sufficienter et legitime excusatum. In cujus rei testimonium, præsentes literas tibi fieri, et nostro sigillo fecimus communiri. Datum apud Middelham, xix°. die Februarii, anno Domini millesimo trecentesimo duodecimo, et pontificatus nostri secundo. A.D. 1313.

Memorandum.— Quod xix°. die Februarii misit dominus literam suam magistro Willelmo de Kellawe, pro quinquaginta marcis liberandis domino Radulpho filio Willelmi, anno Domini supradicto. Memorandum of an order to William de Kellawe to deliver fifty marks to Ralph Fitz-William.

Memorandum.— Quod eisdem die et anno facta fuit quædam acquietantia domino Reginaldo de Morpath', capellano, de sex marcis receptis ab eodem de sequestro ecclesiæ de Morpath'. Memorandum that six marks of the sequestration of the church of Morpath were received from Reginald de Morpath.

f. 74 b.

Defensio torniamenti apud Derlington'. Richard, par la suffrance de Dieu, evesque de Duresme, a Johan Waryn, son corouner de Sadbergh', saluz. Come nous eoms certeignement entendu que nostre seigneur le roy d'Engleterre eit defendu turneymentz, burdiz, justes, et autres feez d'armes, deincz son realme d'Engleterre, en touz les countez, tant que lui plerra granter que chevalers et autres de sa terre peussent au tiels faites aler par son conge, et eoms entendu que une A tournament forbidden to be holden at Derlington.

A.D. 1313. crie est faite que chevalers volent turneier, yceo Lundy ou Mardy procheyn avant le jour de Cendres, a Derlington', vous mandoms q'en propre persone, par tesmoignance de sis leaux hommes et frauncs de vostre baillie, seez yceo dymaigne a Derlington', et facez de par nous crier, dire et defendre, que nul face turneyment, burditz, justes, ne autre faite d'armes, a Derlington', ne aillours deincz la fraunchise Seint Cuthbert, que nous avoms a garder en les ewes de Tyne et de Teyse, sor payne de forfeitoure de quant qu'il poeint forfaire vers nostre seigneur le roy, et vers nous. Et mesme ceste chose soit crie et dite le Lundy procheyn avenir a la Croycz en plain marche de Derlington'; et ensement, le Mardy suant soit dit et defendu as chevalers et as gentz d'armes qui serrunt a Derlington', de par nostre seigneur le roy, et de par nous, que nule ne tourneye ne face [faite] d'armes, sauncz especial conge nostre seigneur le roy. Et en tesmoignance de totes les choses susescrites, vous enveoms noz lettres overtes de garante. Et vous mandoms que vous les facez en chescun article faire et gardir, si avant come vous poez. Done a Middelham, le xxiij. jour de Februarie, l'an de nostre sacre secunde. An. Episc 2.

Walter de Shirburn instituted in the vicarage of Bywell St. Peter.

Institutio vicariæ Sancti Petri de Bywell.

Quære inquisitionem ejusdem infra tertio folio sequenti.

Ricardus, permissione divina, Dunelmensis episcopus, dilecto in Christo filio, domino Waltero de Shirburn', capellano, salutem, gratiam et benedictionem. Ad vicariam ecclesiæ de Bywell' Petri, nostræ diœcesis, vacantem, et ad patronatus religiosorum virorum . . . prioris et conventus ecclesiæ nostræ Dunelmensis, prout per inquisitionem, super hoc de mandato nostro factam, plenius apparet, spectantem, ad præsentationem eorundem, te admittimus, et vicarium, cum onere curæ et personalis residentiæ, instituimus præsentialiter in eadem. In cujus rei testimonium, præsentes literas tibi fieri, et nostro sigillo

An. Episc. 2. fecimus communiri, Datum apud Middelham, xxv°. A.D. 1313.
die Februarii, anno Domini millesimo ccc^mo. duodecimo, et pontificatus nostri secundo.

Memorandum.— Quod eodem die mandatum fuit domini archidiaconi Northumbriæ officiali, quod induceret eum in corporalem possessionem, et defenderet inductum. Mandate for the induction of the above-mentioned into the said vicarage.

Procuratorium domini Walteri de Shirburn'. Pateat universis per præsentes, quod ego, Walterus de Shirburn', capellanus, dilectos mihi in Christo, Petrum filium Nicholai de Esyngton, et Thomam de Middelham clericum, procuratores meos, conjunctim et divisim ordino, facio et constituo, ad petendum et recipiendum, pro me et nomine meo, corporalem possessionem vicariæ ecclesiæ Sancti Petri de Bywell', et omnia et singula faciendum, quæ ad hujusmodi petitionem et receptionem necessaria fuerint, et opportuna; ratum habiturus, et gratum quicquid dicti procuratores mei, vel eorum alter, procuratorio nomine, faciendum duxerint in præmissis. In cujus rei testimonium, quia sigillum proprium non habeo in præsenti, sigillum venerabilis patris, domini Ricardi, Dei gratia, episcopi Dunelmensis, præsentibus apponi procuravi. Datum apud Middelham, xxvj°. die Februarii, anno Domini M°.ccc^mo.xij°. Appointment by Walter de Shirburn of certain proctors to take possession of the said vicarage of Bywell St. Peter.

Testimonium de parentela. Universis Christi fidelibus, ad quos præsentes literæ pervenerint, Ricardus, permissione divina, Dunelmensis episcopus, salutem in Eo, Qui est omnium vera salus. Opus esse pietatis non modicum arbitrantes testimonium veritati conveniens perhibere, per præsentes innotescimus, quod ad parentum, et consanguineorum, ac parentelæ, magistri Johannis de Seggefeld', nostræ diœcesis, apud Iunalen' juxta Montem Pessulanum, naturæ debitum exsolventis, ut dicitur, ampliorem certitudinem exquirendam, per viros fide- Certificate of the parentage of John de Seggefeld.

A.D. 1313. dignos, et seniores præcipue, per quos rei veritas melius sciri posset, ibidem, in originis suæ loco, facta nuper, auctoritate nostra, inquisitione diligenti, compertum extitit per eandem, quod idem magister Johannes filius erat Hugonis quondam præpositi de Seggefeld', et quod quamdam sororem suam, natam dicti Hugonis, Agnetam nomine, uxorem Nicholai de Edelem, nostræ diœcesis, habuit, et habet nunc superstitem; et quod ipsi Johannes et Agnes in domo dicti Hugonis, patris sui communis, se pro fratre et sorore habuerunt et gesserunt, ac per totam viciniam frater et soror publice reputabantur, et pro talibus habebantur; unde nobis visum est, quod dicta Agnes capax sit, et habilis ad quodcunque legatum, seu legata, quæ idem magister Johannes in testamento suo præfatæ Agneti, sororio nomine, in solidum, vel quæ parentibus, seu consanguineis suis, reliquit, saltem pro parte sua, petendum et recipiendum. In cujus rei testimonium, sigillum nostrum præsentibus est appensum. Datum apud Middelham, ultimo die Februarii, pontificatus nostri anno secundo. An. Episc. 2.

f. 75. Mandate to the chancellor of Durham to issue a writ to the sheriff to take the body of Peter de Morpath, who is excommunicated for contumacy.

Litera missa W. cancellario Dunelmensi.

Ricardus, permissione divina, Dunelmensis episcopus, W., cancellario nostro Dunelmensi, salutem, gratiam et benedictionem. Quia Petrus de Morpath, parochianus noster manens in Derlington', propter suam contumaciam, pariter et offensam, ad instantiam domini Stephani de Mauley contractam, prout per . . officialem curiæ nostræ Dunelmensis intelleximus, majoris est excommunicationis sententia involutus, et in ea jam per quadraginta dies et amplius pertinaciter perseveravit, animo indurato, et adhuc in eadem, contemptis ecclesiæ clavibus, perseverat; vobis mandamus quatenus, secundum approbatam nostræ regiæ libertatis in hoc casu consuetudinem, pro captione ipsius Petri, ad ejus insolentiam reprimendam, nostro scribere vicecomiti nullatenus omittatis. Valete. Datum apud Stoketon', ij°. die Martii, anno

An. Episc. 2. Domini M^mo.ccc^o. duodecimo, et pontificatus nostri secundo. A.D. 1313.

Citatio et excommunicatio Johannis de Lilleford et aliarum prout patet in litera.

Citation and excommunication of John de Lilleford and certain females.

Ricardus, etc., dilecto filio, archidiacono Dunelmensis officiali, salutem, gratiam et benedictionem. Quia Johannem de Lilleford, dominam Anastasiam de Nevill' et Mariam de Nevill' pro contumaciis suis, ad officii nostri instantiam contractis, per nos alias excommunicatos, crescente eorundem multiplici contumacia, cum omnibus secum communicantibus, in genere excommunicavimus, justitia suadente; vobis in virtute obedientiæ, injungimus firmiter, et mandamus, quatenus ipsos, et eorum quemlibet, sic excommunicatos esse, cum secum communicantibus, per totum archidiaconatum vestrum publice denuncietis, seu faciatis publice denunciari; inhibentes, seu inhiberi facientes, omnibus parochianis nostris, eosque monentes nominatim, quos sic moneri videritis opportunum, ne cum eisdem Johanne, domina Anastasia et Maria, vel eorum aliquo, communicare præsumant, permissis a jure casibus duntaxat exceptis. Citetis ad hæc nihilominus supradictos Johannem, dominam Anastasiam et Mariam et eorum quemlibet, peremptorie, quod compareant coram nobis, die Veneris proxima ante festum Sancti Cuthberti in Martio, ubicumque tunc fuerimus in diœcesi nostra, super incontinentiæ vitio, et aliis animarum suarum salutem contingentibus, eis objiciendis, ex officio, personaliter responsuri, facturique et recepturi ulterius, quod justitia suadebit; de communicantibus cum eisdem, aut eorum aliquo, diligentius inquirentes: de quibus cum vobis constiterit, eos citetis peremptorie, quod compareant coram nobis dictis die et loco, rationes, si quas habeant, quare, pro communicatione hujusmodi, nominatim excommunicari minime debeant pro termino, peremptorie, proposituri et ostensuri, facturique ulterius, et recepturi, quod canonicis convenit institutis. Quid

A.D. 1313. autem in præmissis feceritis, dictis die et loco per ves- An. Episc 2.
tras patentes literas, harum seriem continentes, et illorum quos ob præmissa citaveritis, nomina nobis fideliter rescribatis.

Commission of the archbishop of York to allow Anabilla, widow of Robert de Cleseby, to take the vow of perpetual chastity.

Commissio admittendi votum continentiæ cujusdam viduæ.

Willelmus, permissione divina, Eboracensis archiepiscopus, Angliæ primas, venerabili in Christo fratri, domino Ricardo, Dei gratia, Dunolmensi episcopo, salutem in omnium Salvatore. Ex parte dominæ Anabillæ, uxoris quondam domini Roberti de Cleseby, militis, parochianæ nostræ, humili et devota instantia nobis extitit supplicatum, quatenus, cum, divina inspirante clementia, caste vivendo in sæculo cupiat Domino suo perpetuo famulari, ipsaque longe distet a nobis, adeo ut absque gravi dispendio ad nos personaliter accedere non valeret, votum castitatis ab ea, vice nostra, recipiendi, ac sibi velum viduitatis vestris sacris manibus tribuendi, vobis potestatem concedere dignaremur; attendentes itaque dictæ dominæ pium ac laudabile propositum, quodque, ut accepimus, quinquagesimum annum excessit, ut de lapsu carnis ejusdem de cætero non sit verisimiliter formidandum, ut eadem domina votum castitatis in vestris manibus emittere, et velum viduitatis recipere, valeat, vobis, tenore præsentium, concedimus facultatem. In cujus rei testimonium, sigillum nostrum præsentibus est appensum. Datum apud Cawod', secundo die Martii, anno gratiæ millesimo ccc^mo^.xij^o^. et pontificatus nostri secundo.

Letters of safe-conduct for Henry Baker, guardian of the provisions which are being conveyed to London in a ship, for the use of the bishop during his

Litera conducti.

A toutz ceux qui cestes lettres verront et orront, Richard, par la soufraunce de Dieu evesque de Duresme, saluz, et sa beneiceon. Come nous eoms ordenez et assignez Henri Baker, gardein et menur des vitailles, que nous enveoms par neife a Loundres, encontre nostre venue a ce parlement, cherement, vous requerroms, que au dit Henri

An. Episc. 2. ne as maryners de la dite neife, ne facez mal ne moleste, mes eisement les souffrez venir, demurir et returnir, et si rien lour soit mesfaite, bonement les voillez faire redresser. En tesmoignance de quele chose, au dit Henri, et maryners de la dite neife, avoms faite faire cestes noz lettres enseales de nostre seal. Done a Middelham, le xx. jour de Febr., l'an de nostre Seigneur M.ccc. duzime, et de nostre sacre secunde. A.D. 1313. stay at the parliament holden at London.

Procuratorium ad parliamentum domini regis.

Excellentissimo et magnifico principi, ac domino suo honorando, domino Edwardo, Dei gratia, regi Angliæ illustri, devotus suæ magnificentiæ capellanus, Ricardus, eadem miseratione, Dunolmensis episcopus, salutem in Eo per Quem reges regnant et principes dominantur. Cum per literas excellentiæ vestræ jam recepimus in mandatis, quod licet alias nobis mandaveritis quod, omnibus aliis pretermissis, essemus ad vos tertia Dominica Quadragesimæ apud Westmonasterium, ibidem vobiscum, et cum prælatis et proceribus regni vestri, super diversis negotiis vos et statum regni vestri prædicti tangentibus, tractaturi, nostrumque consilium impensuri, nunc tamen, pro securiori custodia et majori tuitione partium nostrarum contra Scotos inimicos et rebelles vestros, a partibus prædictis nos non transferremus, sed procuratorem nostrum ad dictos diem et locum mitteremus, ad consentiendum hiis quæ tunc ibidem per vos, et dictos prælatos ac proceres, contigerit ordinari, prout in literis vestris, nobis inde directis, plenius continetur: nos mandatis vestris parere cupientes in omnibus, ut tenemur, vestræ excellentiæ significamus, quod dilectos nobis in Christo dominos, Willelmum de Rasen, Willelmum de Ayremynne, et Galfridum de Edenham, conjunctim et eorum quemlibet per se divisim, ita quod non sit melior conditio occupantis, sed quod unus inceperit, alius valeat prosequi et finire, coram vobis, in præmissis, procuratores nostros facimus per præsentes, ad consenti- Appointment of proxies for the bishop at the king's parliament. f. 75 b

A.D. 1313. endum hiis quæ in dicto parliamento per vos, et dictos prælatos et proceres, contigerit ordinari; ratum et firmum habituri, quicquid præfati procuratores nostri, vel unus ipsorum, duxerint, vel duxerit, faciendum nomine nostro in præmissis. In cujus rei testimonium, etc. Ad felix et salubre regimen populi vestri excellentiam vestram, et potestatem regiam, dirigat et conservet dextra Regis regum. Datum apud Stoketon', vj°. die Martii, anno Domini, etc. [M°.ccc^mo.] xij°. An. Episc. 2.

Commission of sequestration to John de Sandale in the church of Aukeland.

Commissio sequestri. Ricardus, etc., dilecto in Christo clerico, domino Johanni de Sandale, salutem, etc. De vestræ circumspectionis industria gerentes fiduciam pleniorem, custodiam sequestri in fructibus et proventibus præbendæ quondam domini Willelmi de Blyburgh' in ecclesia collegiata de Aukeland, nunc vacantis, per vos interpositi, vobis committimus et concedimus per præsentes, usquequo aliud de eadem præbenda duxerimus ordinandum. In cujus rei testimonium, etc. Datum apud Stoketon', xj° die Martii, pontificatus nostri anno secundo.

Commission to proceed to judgment in the suit between William de Quicham, dean of the church of Langcestre, complainant, and William de Knycheley, defendant, concerning the obventions and oblations in the chapel of Espes.

Commissio. Ricardus, etc., dilecto filio, magistro Johanni de Insula, rectori ecclesiæ de Boldon', salutem, gratiam et benedictionem. Ad cognoscendum, procedendum et diffiniendum, in causa quæ vertitur, seu verti speratur, inter magistrum Willelmum de Quicham, decanum ecclesiæ præbendalis de Langcestr', actorem, ex parte una, et Willelmum de Knycheley, reum, ex altera, super obventionibus et oblationibus capellæ del Espes, infra limites parochiæ antedictæ Langcestr' situatæ, vobis vices nostras committimus, cum coercionis canonicæ potestate. Valete. Datum apud Stoketon', xiiij°. die Martii, anno pontificatus nostri secundo.

Bond of the bishop to Sir John Baudre for 60*l.* sterling.

Obligatio. Noverint universi, quod nos, Ricardus, permissione divina, Dunelmensis episcopus, tenemur, et per præsens obligamur, domino Johanni Baudre

An. Episc. 2. militi, in sexaginta libris sterlingorum, ex causa mutui, solvendis eidem domino Johanni, vel suo certo attornato, ad festum Sancti Cuthberti in Quadragesima, anno Domini millesimo ccc. duodecimo, viginti libris; et ad festum Sancti Johannis Baptistæ proxime sequens, viginti libris; et ad festum Sancti Cuthberti in autumno proxime sequens, viginti libris, sine ulteriore dilatione. In cujus rei testimonium, sigillum nostrum præsentibus duximus apponendum. Datum apud Stoketon', xiiij°. die Martii, anno Domini supradicto. A.D. 1313.

Collatio archidiaconatus Northumbriæ.

Collation of John de Nassington to the archdeaconry of Northumberland.

Ricardus, permissione divina, Dunolmensis episcopus, dilecto in Christo filio, magistro Johanni de Nassington', seniori, salutem, cum benedictione et gratia Salvatoris. Eximia probitatis merita, morum honestas, laudabilis conversatio, et peritia literarum, quibus te divina clementia multifarie decoravit, devotionisque sinceritas, quam erga nos et ecclesiam nostram Dunolmensem continuis temporibus habuisti, efficaciter nos inducunt ut tibi, ad id quod honoris tui et promotionis augmentum respicere poterunt, favorabiliter inclinemur. Tibi igitur, fili carissime, archidiaconatum Northumbriæ, vacantem, et ad nostram collationem, pleno jure, spectantem, cum suis juribus, jurisdictionibus, proventibus et obventionibus, universis, tibi conferimus intuitu caritatis, teque de eisdem, per has nostras literas, investimus. In cujus rei testimonium, has literas tibi fieri, et nostro sigillo fecimus communiri. Datum apud Richall', xiiij°. die Decembris, anno Domini millesimo ccc. duodecimo, et pontificatus nostri secundo.

Litera missa regi, pro excommunicato capiendo.

Letter to the king from the bishop of Durham begging for the capture of an excommunicated person.

Serenissimo principi et domino suo, domino Edwardo, Dei gratia, regi Angliæ illustri, Ricardus, eadem permissione, Dunolmensis ecclesiæ minister humilis, salutem in Eo, per Quem reges regnant et princip esdominan-

A.D. 1313. tur. Excellentiæ vestræ regiæ notum facimus per præ- An. Episc. 2.
sentes, quod Willelmus dictus "Sotheryn," parochianus noster, manens in parochia de Emeldon', est, propter suam contumaciam, pariter et offensam, ad instantiam Willelmi Galonne, auctoritate, nostra ordinaria, majoris excommunicationis sententia involutus; in qua per quadraginta dies et amplius perduravit, et adhuc, contemptis ecclesiæ clavibus, perseverat animo indurato. Quocirca, vestræ regiæ celsitudini supplicamus, quatinus,
f. 76. ad insolentiam prædicti rebellis salubrius reprimendam, literas vestras, si placet, velitis concedere, secundum præobtentam meritoriam et piam consuetudinem regni vestri, ut quem divinus timor a malo non revocat, vestræ majestatis potestas coerceat temporalis. Excellentiam vestram regiam conservet semper, et dirigat, potentia Trinitatis. Datum apud Stoketon', xvj°. die Martii, anno Domini, etc., xij°., et pontificatus nostri secundo.

Removal of the sequestration of the vicarage of Hautewysell.

Relaxatio sequestri de vicaria de Hautewysell'.

Ricardus, etc., officiali nostro Dunolmensi, vel ejus commissario, salutem gratiam et benedictionem. Quia sequestrum in proventibus, fructibus et obventionibus, vicariæ ecclesiæ de Hautwysell', occasione medietatis piæ memoriæ domino regi Angliæ, patri regis qui nunc est, a clero diœcesis Dunolmensis dudum concessæ, et suis terminis præteritis non solutæ, vice nostra interpositum, præstita nobis per dominum Robertum de Pykewell', dictæ ecclesiæ de Hautwysell' vicarium, cautione sufficienti de dicta medietate solvenda, et satisfaciendo de eadem, ad hoc sibi termino jam statuto relaxavimus; vobis injungimus et mandamus quatenus, hujusmodi sequestrum sic relaxatum habentes, Roberto de Welles et Johanni de Derlington', vel aliis quibuscunque, quos dicti sequestri custodes deputastis, detis in mandatis quod, ab hujusmodi custodia manus suas amoventes, dictum vicarium, vel procuratorem suum,

An. Episc. 2. fructus, proventus et obventiones, ipsius vicariæ, et ad eam quoquo modo spectantes, exigere et recipere omnino permittant, ac libere ordinare et disponere de eisdem. Bene valete. Datum apud Stoketon', xvij°. die mensis Martii, anno Domini millesimo ccc^mo. duodecimo, et pontificatus nostri secundo. A.D. 1313.

Relaxatio sequestri interpositi in proventibus et obventionibus capellæ Sancti Stephani de Osmundreley.

Removal of the sequestration of the incomings and obventions of the chapel of St. Stephen of Osmundreley.

Ricardus, permissione divina, Dunolmensis episcopus, dilecto in Christo filio, domino Roberto de Brompton', custodi spiritualitatis nostræ in Alvertonshire, salutem, gratiam et benedictionem. Quia ex parte discreti viri, domini Hugonis de Vylers, præbendarii ecclesiæ nostræ de Osmundreleye, nuper nobis est exposita et præstita sufficiens cautio de respondendo et satisfaciendo, in forma juris, religiosis dominabus, priorissæ et monialibus de Foukholm', pro loco et tempore opportunis, de proventibus et oblationibus capellæ Sancti Stephani, infra limites parochiæ dictæ ecclesiæ situatæ, (quos nuper duximus sequestrandos, ad instantiam dictarum priorissæ et monialium, occasione litis motæ inter ipsas priorissam et moniales, ex parte una, et præbendarios dictæ ecclesiæ de Osmundreley, ex altera, super proventibus et oblationibus memoratis); vobis mandamus, quatenus sequestrum in dictis proventibus et oblationibus, ea occasione, per nos, seu auctoritate nostra, interpositum relaxetis, dununciantes præfatis dominabus, quod jus suum, si quod habeant in præmissis, seu ad ea, contra dictum præbendarium, seu alios, prosequantur in forma juris, cum sibi viderint expedire, et fiet eis in omnibus justitiæ complementum. Valete. Datum apud Stoketon', xx°. die Martii, pontificatus nostri anno secundo.

Memorandum.—

Memorandum of a licence granted to Hugh de Boulton to

Quod xxij°. die Martii, anno Domini millesimo ccc^mo.xij°., apud Stoketon', concessa fuit licentia domino Hugoni de Boulton', rectori

A.D. 1313. attend the Schools.

ecclesiæ de Brauncepath', adeundi Scholas, in loco ubi Generale viget Studium, a data præsentium adusque festum Pentecostes, proxime futurum, et inde in annum revolutum. An. Episc. 2.

Appointment of Henry de Luceby as a commissioner in matters relating to the bishop's visitation.

Commissio in causa visitationis.

Ricardus, permissione divina, etc., dilecto filio, magistro Henrico de Luceby, clerico nostro familiari, salutem, gratiam et benedictionem. De fida vestræ circumspectionis et discretionis industria plenam in Domino fiduciam obtinentes, ad cognoscendum, procedendum, declarandum, statuendum, diffiniendum et exequendum, in causis et negotiis, quæ, super quibuscunque articulis in visitatione nostra nuper facta compertis, aut ipsius visitationis occasione contra quascunque personas ecclesiasticas, vel sæculares, ex officio nostro, seu ad partium instantiam, moventur, seu moveri sperantur, necnon ad corrigendum reformandum, et puniendum, excessus, crimina et defectus, et de hiis specialiter inquirendum, pœnitentias et pœnas imponendum, injungendum et levandum, necnon ad faciendum omnia et singula quæ in hac parte necessaria fuerint, utilia, [et] salubria, vel etiam opportuna, vobis vices nostras committimus, cum cujuslibet canonicæ coercionis potestate. Valete. Datum apud Middelham, xxj°. die mensis Februarii, anno Domini millesimo trecentesimo xij°. et pontificatus nostri secundo.

f. 76 b. Return upon inquisition ordered to be taken respecting the vicarage of Bywell St. Peter.

Inquisitio de vicaria de Bywell' Petri.

Quære institutionem ejusdem, supra iij. folio.

Reverendissimo in Christo patri et domino, domino Ricardo, Dei gratia, Dunolmensi episcopo, seu vices suas in hac parte gerenti, suus domini archidiaconi Northumbriæ officialis salutem, obedientiam, reverentiam pariter et honorem. Mandatum vestrum recepimus, in hæc verba:—Ricardus, permissione divina, Dunolmensis episcopus, dilecto filio, domino archidiacono Northumbriæ, vel ejus officiali, salutem,

An. Episc. 2. gratiam et benedictionem. Præsentaverunt nobis religiosi viri, . . prior et conventus ecclesiæ nostræ Dunolmensis, dominum Walterum de Shirburn', capellanum, ad vicariam Sancti Petri de Bywell', vacantem per resignationem domini Walteri de Jar[rowe], quondam vicarii ejusdem, et ad suam præsentationem spectantem ut dicunt. Quocirca, vobis mandamus quatenus, in pleno loci capitulo, per rectores et vicarios vicinos, diligenter inquiratis, an dicta vicaria vacet; et a quo tempore vacavit, et qualiter; quis sit verus patronus ejusdem; quis ad eam tempore pacis ultimo præsentavit; quis sit in possessione præsentandi; quantum valeat; an sit pensionaria, et cui, et in quantum; an sit litigiosa, et inter quos, et qua occasione; de conditionibus etiam præsentati; an sit idoneus, in quibus ordinibus constitutus; an sit alibi beneficiatus, et utrum de uno vel de pluribus beneficiis consimilem curam habentibus; et aliis articulis necessariis et consuetis. Et quid per inquisitionem inveneritis, sub sigillo vestro, una cum sigillis eorum per quos hujusmodi inquisitionem feceritis, distincte et aperte, in forma consueta, nobis, seu vices nostras in hac parte gerenti, constare dilucide faciatis. Datum apud Middelham, xvij. die Februarii, pontificatus nostri anno secundo.—Hujus igitur auctoritate mandati, in pleno loci capitulo, diligentem feci inquisitionem, per vicarios ecclesiarum de Staunfordham, Sancti Andreæ de Bywell' et de Wardon, necnon per capellanos parochiales ecclesiarum de Corbrigg', Slaveley, Symundburn', Qwelpington', Aldeston'. Knaresdal', Bywell Petri, Ovingham et de Wardon'. Qui dicunt, jurati, quod dicta vicaria de Bywell' Petri vacat per resignationem domini Walteri de Jar[rowe], dudum vicarii ejusdem, prout intellexerunt per literam resignationis ejusdem, eisdem in dicta inquisitione exhibitam et ostensam; dicunt etiam, quod vacavit a xix°. die Decembris, anno Domini millesimo ccc^mo.xij°. Dicunt etiam, quod prior et conventus ecclesiæ Dunolmensis A.D. 1313.

A.D. 1313. sunt veri patroni ejusdem vicariæ, et ultimo præsen- An. Episc. 2.
tarunt ad eandem, tempore pacis, dominum Walterum supradictum, et sunt in possessione præsentandi. Dicunt etiam, quod dicta vicaria valet communibus annis novem libras; non est pensionaria nec litigiosa. Dicunt etiam, quod præsentatus est idoneus et bene morigeratus, et est in ordine sacerdotali constitutus, nec est alibi beneficiatus, quod sciatur. Dicunt etiam quod nihil obstat præsentantibus nec præsentato in hac parte, quod sciatur. De aliis articulis, necessariis et consuetis, requisiti, penitus nihil sciunt. In cujus rei testimonium, huic præsenti inquisitioni, sigillis contestificantium consignatæ, sigillum officialitatis Northumbriæ duxi apponendum. Datum apud Corbrigg', vij. kal. Martii, anno Domini supradicto.

Letter from William de Testa, archdeacon of Arras, and another, to the bishop of Durham, relating to the collection of the arrears of the tenths granted to pope Boniface VIII.

Litera magistri Willelmi de Testa, domino nostro missa.

Reverendo in Christo patri, domino . . Dunolmensi episcopo, vel ejus locum tenenti, Guillelmus de Testa, archidiaconus Arranensis, in ecclesia Conn' domini papæ capellanus, et ejusdem in Anglia nuncius, et Johannes de Sancto Quintino, clericus, reverendi in Christo patris, domini Willelmi, Dei gratia, Wygorniensis episcopi, collegæ nostri, commissarius, salutem in Auctore salutis. Cum arreragia decimæ triennalis domini Bonifacii, papæ, Octavi, dudum vobis data fuerunt ad levandum in vestra diœcesi per ministros domini nostri regis, prout invenimus ex assertione ipsorum; et per computos redditos de dicta decima coram ipsis, nobisque, eadem arreragia, quæ restant, commissa fuerunt ad levandum, et respondendum de ipsis, juxta commissionem per sedem apostolicam super hoc nobis, episcopo et archidiacono prædictis factam; paternitatem vestram requirimus et rogamus, sub obedientia qua sedi apostolicæ tenemini, firmiter injungentes quatenus dicta arreragia, per vos nondum collecta, vice et

An. Episc. 2. auctoritate nostra, per vos, alium, vel alios pro quibus tenere volueritis, et etiam respondere, sic diligenter et celeriter levetis, seu levari faciatis, quod ex hinc ad Dominicam in Ramis Palmarum, proxime venturam, nobis possitis, tam de prius per vos collectis, quam etiam ad nunc colligendis, plenam et integram reddere rationem: quem terminum vobis ad hoc præcise et peremptorie assignamus, sub censuris et pœnis canonicis, quas, si secus feceritis, merito poteritis formidare; præsertim ex eo, quod nos de præmissis habemus, nostris superioribus juxta mandatum super hoc noviter nobis factum, consimilem reddere rationem. Super præmissis enim omnibus et singulis, per vos, alium, vel alios, deputandos a vobis, efficaciter exequendis, cum cujuslibet coercionis canonicæ potestate, tenore præsentium, committimus vices nostras, donec eas ad nos duxerimus revocandas. Quid autem feceritis in præmissis, nos circa dictam diem certificetis per literas vestras patentes, harum seriem continentes. Datum Londoniis, vicesimo secundo die mensis Februarii, anno Domini millesimo trecentesimo duodecimo. A.D. 1313. f. 78.

Litera credentiæ. Letter of credence in favour of John de Snaynton.

Venerabili in Christo domino, Radulpho, Dei gratia, Londoniensi episcopo, frater Ricardus, miseratione divina, Dunelmensis ecclesiæ minister humilis, votivæ salutis desiderium, cum reverentia et honore. Ad requirendum sanctæ paternitatis benevolentiæ vestræ consilium et responsum, super quibusdam, quæ nos et ecclesiam nostram Dunelmensem contingunt, in quibus nos reputamus non tam rationabiliter, quam voluntarie, fatigatos, dilectum clericum nostrum, magistrum Johannem de Snaynton', porrectorem præsentium destinamus; paternitatem vestram, affectione qua possumus implorantes, quatenus quid vestræ circumspectionis prudentia censuerit in præmissis, una cum vestræ voluntatis beneplacitis, ad quæ nos paratos

A.D. 1313. offerimus, dignanter velitis remittere per eundem. In omni felicitatis augmento paternitatem vestram conservet Altissimus incolumem et jocundam. Datum apud Stoketon', xxv°. die Martii. An. Episc. 2.

Removal of a sentence of excommunication from the abbot of St. Mary's, at York.

Relaxatio sententiæ pro abbate de Eboraco.

Ricardus, permissione divina, Dunelmensis episcopus, dilecto filio . . decano Christianitatis de Derlington', salutem, gratiam et benedictionem. Exactioni quam facitis dilecto amico nostro . . abbati Beatæ Mariæ Eboracensis, pro expensis procuratorum cleri nostræ diœcesis, qui ad parliamentum domini nostri regis nuper missi fuerant . . officialis nostri, ejusve commissarii, mandato quocunque, vobis directo, non obstante, ac executioni et publicationi sententiarum suspensionis, excommunicationis, et interdicti, si quæ in dictum . . abbatem, ejusve procuratorem, aut in ecclesiam suam de Gaynesford, dictarum expensarum occasione, per officialem nostrum, ejusve auctoritate, vel mandato, latæ fuerint, supersedeatis, et, quantum ad vos attinet, ab aliis supersederi faciatis, donec a nobis aliud habueritis in mandatis. Valete. Datum apud Stoketon, ij°. die Aprilis, pontificatus nostri anno secundo.

Letter of tutelage for the two daughters of John de la Dale.

Litera tutelæ.

Ricardus, etc., dilecto filio, Waltero de Offington, perpetuo vicario ecclesiæ de Byllingham, salutem, gratiam et benedictionem. Licet, ex susceptæ servitutis officio, sapientibus et insipientibus simus debitores, hiis tamen propensius adesse tenemur providendo, quibus cum ex impedimento ætatis propria providentia minime suffragetur, sibi ipsis sua gerendo negotia, in personis et rebus deesse videntur. Cum igitur Cæcilia et Cassandra, magistri Johannis de la Dale, jam defuncti, filiæ et impuberes, ac pro se et suis negotiis atque rebus discretione carentes, tutela indigeant aliena, eis debito piæ pater-

An. Episc. 2. nitatis compatientes affectu, te, Walterum antedictum, A.D. 1313.
de cujus fide ac discretione fiduciam in Domino gerimus ampliorem, eisdem Cæciliæ et Cassandræ damus et assignamus, auctoritate ordinaria, tutorem per præsentes, ut personarum suarum, bonorumque earundem tutelam, per te, vel per alium quem duxeris providendum, fideliter et utiliter administres; te nihilominus, ut res earundem Cæciliæ et Cassandræ salvæ consistant, quantum jura permittunt, ex causa tutelæ hujusmodi, onerantes. In cujus rei testimonium has nostras patentes literas fieri fecimus, sigilli nostri munimine roboratas. Datum apud Stoketon', xxvij°. die mensis Martii, anno Domini M^mo.ccc°. duodecimo, et pontificatus nostri secundo.

Litera absolutionis domini Adæ de Derlington', capellani.

Letter of absolution granted to Adam de Derlington for his assault on William Redhod.

Universis Christi fidelibus ad quos præsentes literæ pervenerint, Ricardus, permissione divina, Dunelmensis episcopus, salutem in Eo, Qui est omnium vera salus. Ad nos nuper accedens personaliter Adam de Derlington', nostræ diœcesis capellanus, coram nobis exposuit, quod ipse in Willelmum Redhod', fratrem suum, et clericum, manus, absque sanguinis effusione, leviter injecit violentas, et quod, pro violentia hujusmodi, Willelmo satisfecit antedicto; unde nobis humiliter supplicavit, ut absolutionis beneficium a sententia excommunicationis, a canone lata, quam ex hujusmodi injectione manuum incurrebat, sibi impendere dignaremur. Nos ergo, injuriam hujusmodi levem arbitrantes, ipsius Adæ supplicationibus inclinati, eum a sententia excommunicationis, quam, pro violenta manuum injectione hujusmodi, a canone incurrebat, in forma juris, absolvimus, sibi, pro qualitate culpæ, pœnitentiam injungentes. In cujus rei testimonium, has nostras patentes literas sibi fieri fecimus, sigilli nostri munimine roboratas. Datum apud Stoketon', xj°. die mensis Aprilis, anno Domini M^mo. ccc°.xiij°., et pontificatus nostri secundo.

A.D. 1313. Letter to the bishop of Durham from the collectors of the tenths levied on England, Scotland, Ireland, and Wales, by pope Clement V.

Litera missa domino nostro episcopo.

Reverendo in Christo patri, domino Ricardo, Dei gratia, episcopo Dunelmensi, Elias de Muscham et Johannes de Munden, venerabilium patrum, dominorum, Dei gratia, Lyncolniensis et Londoniensis episcoporum, collectorum decimæ per dominum Clementem, Dei providentia, papam Quintum, per triennium impositæ in Anglia, Scotia, Hibernia et Vallia, commissarii, salutem, et mandatis apostolicis firmiter obedire. Quia de tota pecunia, quam, nomine decimæ, collegimus, et quæ restat colligenda, tam dominum papam, vel ejus camerarium, quam dominum nostrum regem Angliæ, certis diebus et locis certificare proponimus, ut arctamur; vosque terminis communiter constitutis, et subsequenter, ad vestram instantiam, gratiose prorogatis, decimam vos contingentem, de anno tertio, minime persolvistis; paternitatem vestram requirimus et monemus, ac insuper, cum reverentia qua decet, sub debito obedientiæ, qua sedi apostolicæ tenemini, firmiter injungendo, mandamus, quatenus prædictam decimam, ut præmittitur, vos contingentem, dilectis et fidelibus mercatoribus domini regis, Manento Francissi, et Taldo Valoris, de societate Bardorum, vel eorum certo attornato, ad recipiendum eandem per nos deputatis, visis præsentibus literis, solvere curetis, recipientes ab eisdem mercatoribus, vel eorum attornato, literas acquietantiæ de solutis. Alioquin rigorem ecclesiasticum, in vos, prout jus exigit, exercendum, merito poteritis formidare. Quid autem supra hiis vestra discretio facere decreverit, nos reddere dignemini certiores, tempore opportuno. Datum Londoniis, sub sigillis quibus utimur ad decimam, iiij^to. non. Martii, anno etc. [M^mo. ccc^o.] xij^o. An. Episc. 2.

f. 78 b.

Mandate to the chancellor of Durham, to order the sheriff to arrest Eudo de Lumeley, who is excommuni-

Litera missa W. cancellario Dunolmensi pro excommunicato capiendo.

Ricardus, etc. W., cancellario nostro Dunelmensi, salutem, gratiam et benedictionem. Quia Eudo de Lumeley, executor testamenti Gilberti de Lumeley, fratris sui defuncti, propter suam contumaciam, pariter

An. Episc. 2. et offensam, ad instantiam Nicholai de Stayndrop', clerici, contractam, prout per . . . officialem curiæ nostræ Dunelmensis intelleximus, majoris es excommunicationis sententia involutus, et in ea jam per quadraginta dies, et amplius, pertinaciter perseveravit, animo indurato, et adhuc in eadem contemptis ecclesiæ clavibus, perseverat, vobis mandamus quatenus, secundum approbatam nostræ regiæ libertatis in hoc casu consuetudinem, pro captione ipsius Eudonis, ad ejus insolentiam reprimendam, nostro scribere vicecomiti nullatenus omittatis. Valete. Datum apud Evenwod, xxij°. die Aprilis, anno Domini M^mo.ccc°. tertio decimo, et pontificatus nostri secundo. A.D. 1313. cated for contumacy.

Commissio. Ricardus, etc. dilecto filio, decano de Aukeland', salutem, gratiam et benedictionem. De vestra circumspectione provida, pariter et fidelitate, plenius confidentes, ad inquirendum de bonis et debitis ad luminare Beatæ Mariæ, in capellis de Hamsterley et de Wyterton', qualitercumque spectantibus; et detentatores et debitores eorundem, de quibus vobis constare poterit, ad solutionem, liberationem, seu satisfactionem, dictorum bonorum et debitorum, vobis faciendam compellendum, necnon de dictis bonis et debitis, cum per vos recepta fuerint, disponendum pro luminari supradicto, vobis vices nostras committimus, cum coercionis canonicæ potestate. Valete. Datum apud Evenwod', xxij°. die mensis Aprilis, anno Domini M^mo.ccc°. tertio decimo, et pontificatus nostri secundo. Commission to inquire concerning the goods and debts due to the lights of St. Mary in the chapels of Hamsterley and Wyterton.

Pœnitentia imposita. Ricardus, etc., dilecto filio, capellano parochialis ecclesiæ Beati Nicholai de Novo Castro super Tynam, salutem, etc. Quia venerabilis pater Arnaldus, Dei gratia, tituli Sanctæ Priscæ presbyter cardinalis, apostolicæ sedis nuncius, Nicholaum dictum "le Porter," de villa Novi Castri supradicta, quem, pro eo quod extrahentibus quosdem laicos de ecclesia Fratrum Beatæ Mariæ de Monte Carmeli, in eadem villa, ad Public penance ordered to be imposed upon Nicholas, called "Le Porter" of Newcastle.

A.D. 1313 quam, pro vitæ suæ securitate, confugerant, eorundemque laicorum neci, consilium præstitit, auxilium et favorem, excommunicatum fore publice fecimus, auctoritate ordinaria, nunciari, nobis, ab excommunicatione hujusmodi, apostolica auctoritate, in forma juris, remisit absolutum, ut confessione ipsius audita, et considerata culpæ qualitate, pœnitentiam sibi injungeremus salutarem; nosque dicti Nicholai conditiones, et culpæ circumstantias, quantum in nobis est, plene considerantes, pœnitentiam sibi injunxerimus subsequentem; videlicet, quod die Dominico proximo futuro, et singulis diebus Dominicis, usque ad præsentis anni revolutionem, successive, ad valvas ecclesiæ Beati Nicholai supradictæ, discalceatus, nudato capite, et roba linea solum indutus, astante ibidem populi multitudine, fustigationes a vobis publice recipiat, causam suæ hujusmodi pœnitentiæ exprimens in vulgari, suum pariter in hac parte confitendo reatum; et quod, sic receptis fustigationibus hujusmodi, ad supradictam ecclesiam fratrum de Carmeli Monte discalceatus, nudato capite, et vestitus ut præmittitur, idem Nicholaus vos, eum subsequentes, antecedat, ad fores dictæ ecclesiæ Beatæ Mariæ consimiles fustigationes a vobis recepturus, cum expressione culpæ supradicta; vobis, in virtute obedientiæ, firmiter injungimus et mandamus quatenus pœnitentiam hujusmodi, dicto Nicholao per nos injunctam, diebus et locis suprascriptis exequamini cum effectu; præfatum Nicholaum, si dictæ ecclesiæ Beatæ Mariæ, cujus immunitatem violavit, minime satisfecerit, (super quo de priore dictorum fratrum per vos inquiri volumus) pro nostræ discretionis arbitrio satisfacturum competenter, nobis illico remissuri. Quid autem in præmissis duxeritis, et idem Nicholaus duxerit faciendum, ac de die receptionis præsentium, nos, per vestras literas patentes, infra xv. dies a die receptionis antedictæ, reddatis plenius certiores. Valete. Datum apud Evenwode, vij. kal. Maii, anno Domini M^mo.ccc^o. tertiodecimo, et pontificatus nostri secundo. An. Episc. 2.

An. Episc. 2. Pœnitentia imposita. Ricardus, etc., dilecto filio . . capellano parochialis ecclesiæ Beati Nicholai in Dunelmo, salutem, etc. Quia venerabilis pater, Arnaldus, Dei gratia, tituli Sanctæ Priscæ, presbyter cardinalis, apostolicæ sedis nuncius, Nicholaum, dictum "le Portere," de villa Novi Castri supradicta, quem, pro eo quod extrahentibus quosdam laicos de ecclesia Fratrum Beatæ Mariæ de Monte Carmeli, in eadem villa, ad quam, pro vitæ suæ securitate, confugerant, eorundemque laicorum neci, consilium præstitit, auxilium, et favorem, excommunicatum fore publice fecimus, auctoritate ordinaria, nunciari, nobis, ab excommunicatione hujusmodi, apostolica auctoritate, in forma juris, remisit absolutum, ut, confessione ipsius audita, et considerata culpæ qualitate, pœnitentiam sibi injungeremus salutarem; nosque dicti Nicholai conditiones, et culpæ suæ circumstantias, plene considerantes, inter cætera, pœnitentiam sibi injunxerimus subsequentem; videlicet, quod diebus Lunæ, Martis et Mercurii, in hebdomada festi Pentecostes, proxime futuri, ad valvas dictæ ecclesiæ Beati Nicholai, discalceatus, nudato capite, et roba linea solum indutus, astante ibidem populi multitudine, fustigationes a vobis publice recipiat, causam suæ pœnitentiæ exprimens in vulgari, suum pariter in hac parte confitendo reatum; et quod, hujusmodi fustigationibus sic receptis ibidem, ad ecclesiam cathedralem Dunelmensem, discalceatus, nudato capite, et vestitus, ut præmittitur, idem Nicholaus vos, eum subsequentes, antecedat, ad fores dictæ ecclesiæ cathedralis, dictis tribus diebus, consimiles fustigationes a vobis recepturus, cum expessione culpæ supradicta; vobis, in virtute obedientiæ, firmiter injungimus et mandamus, quatenus pœnitentiam hujusmodi, dicto Nicholao per nos injunctam, diebus et locis suprascriptis exequamini cum effectu. Quid autem in præmissis duxeritis, et idem Nicholaus duxerit, faciendum, ac de die receptionis præsentium, nos, per vestras literas patentes, citra festum Sanctæ

A.D. 1313. Public penance ordered to be imposed upon Nicholas called Le Portere of Newcastle.

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A.D. 1313. Trinitatis proximo futurum, reddatis certiores. Valete. An. Episc. 2.
Datum apud Evenwod', vij. kal. Maii, anno Domini Mmo.cccº. tertio decimo, et pontificatus nostri secundo.

Letter from cardinal Arnaldo relative to the penance of Nicholas called "Le Porter" of Newcastle, and John de Keteryngham.

Litera Arnaldi tituli Sanctæ Priscæ presbyteri cardinalis.

Venerabili in Christo patri, domino . ., Dei gratia, episcopo Dunolmensi, vel ejus vicario in spiritualibus, frater Arnaldus, miseratione divina, tituli Sanctæ Priscæ, presbyter cardinalis, apostolicæ sedis nuncius, salutem in Domino. Attendentes ad præsentiam nostram Nicholaus dictus "le Porter," de villa Novi Castri super Tynam, et Johannes de Keteryngham, laici, vestræ diœcesis, nobis exponere curaverunt, quod dudum ipsi quibusdam extrahentibus quosdam laicos de ecclesia Fratrum Beatæ Mariæ de Monte Carmeli, ejusdem loci de Novo Castro, non absque fractione ejusdem ecclesiæ, ad quam dicti laici, pro securitate vitæ suæ, confugerant, præstiterunt auxilium, consilium et favorem; quodque postmodum iidem laici, de dicta ecclesia sic extracti, nulla eis impunitate præstita, fuerunt ultimo supplicio traditi per curiam sæcularem; vosque tam extrahentes hujusmodi, quam præstantes eisdem, in hac parte auxilium, consilium vel favorem, excommunicatos fore publice nunciastis. Quare præfati Nicholaus et Johannes provideri super hiis animarum suarum saluti a nobis humiliter postularunt. Nos itaque ipsos ab excommunicatione quam propter hoc incurrerunt, auctoritate apostolica, nobis in hac parte concessa, per pœnitentiarium nostrum, juxta formam ecclesiæ, facientes absolvi, et injungi sibi, sub debito præstiti juramenti, ut, super hiis, tam ecclesiæ cujus immunitatem violarunt, quam alias, si non satisfecerint, juxta vestræ discretionis arbitrium satisfaciant competenter, ipsos ad vos auctoritate prædicta, remittimus absolutos. Vos autem, audita confessione, et culpa considerata ipsorum, talem eis pœnitentiam injungatis, quæ ipsis proficiat ad salutem, et aliis præsumendi similia audaciam non ministret.

An. Episc. 2. Quod si satisfacere forte contempserint, intimetis eis, quod nos declaramus eos, ipso jure, in eandem excommunicationis sententiam recidisse. Datum Londoniis, Idibus Aprilis, pontificatus domini Clementis, papæ, V., anno octavo. A.D. 1313.

Memorandum.— Quod xxvj°. die Aprilis, anno Domini millesimo ccc°. tertio decimo, facta fuit acquietantia . . officiali nostro Dunelmensi de lx. *s.* pro portione quæ fuit Lodewici de Bello Monte, in ecclesia de Norton'; et lx. *s.* pro portione quæ fuit Rogeri de Insula, in eadem; et viij. *li.* pro persona ecclesiæ de Houwyk'; et de lxvj. *s.* viij. *d.* pro persona ecclesiæ de Whiteburn'; et de xj. *li.* xiij. *s.* iiij. *d.* pro vicario de Langcestr'; et de v. *li.* pro persona ecclesiæ de Seggefeld'; et de l. *s.* pro portione quæ fuit Willelmi de Brompton', in ecclesia Cestr', pro arreragiis medietatis domino regi concessæ, etc. Acquittances to the official of Durham for arrears of the moiety granted to the king by the clergy.

Memorandum.— Quod xxiiij°. die Aprilis, apud Evenwod', facta fuit acquietantia . . priori Dunelmensi de xvj. *li.* xiij. *s.* iiij. *d.* solutis pro domino Johanne de Merkyngfeld', executore testamenti domini Willelmi de Hameldon', quondam rectoris ecclesiæ de Wessington', pro subsidio medietatis domino Edwardo, regi Angliæ, a clero concessæ. Similar acquittance to the prior of Durham.

Memorandum.— Quod xxvij°. die Aprilis, anno Domini M^mo^.ccc°.xiij°., facta fuit obligatio magistro Willelmo de Quicham, de xl. marcis, solvendis eidem ad festum Sancti Martini. Memorandum of an obligation to William de Quicham.

Litera missa domino regi pro excomunicato capiendo. f. 79 b.

Serenissimo principi et domino suo, domino Edwardo, Dei gratia, regi Angliæ illustri, Ricardus, eadem permissione, Dunelmensis ecclesiæ minister humilis, salutem in Eo, per Quem reges regnant, et principes dominantur. Excellentiæ vestræ regiæ notum facimus per præsentes, Letter to the king from the bishop of Durham, praying for secular aid in arresting Christiana de Cran-

A.D. 1313. lawe, residing at Eglingham, who has been excommunicated.

quod Christiana de Cranlawe, parochiana nostra, manens in Eglingham, est propter suam contumaciam, pariter et offensam; ad instantiam domini Johannis de Couton', vicarii dictæ ecclesiæ de Eglingham, contractam, majoris excommunicationis sententia involuta; in qua per quadraginta dies et amplius, pertinaciter perseveravit, et adhuc, contemptis ecclesiæ clavibus, perseverat animo indurato. Quocirca, vestræ regiæ celsitudini supplicamus quatinus, ad insolentiam prædictæ rebellis salubrius reprimendam, literas vestras, si placet, velitis concedere, secundum præobtentam meritoriam et piam consuetudinem regni vestri, ut quam divinus timor a malo non revocat, vestræ majestatis potestas coerceat temporalis. Excellentiam vestram regiam conservet semper, et dirigat, potentia Trinitatis. Datum apud Aukland', xxviij°. die Aprilis, anno Domini M°.ccc^mo. tertio decimo. An. Episc. 2.

Composition between the executors of Thomas de Levesham and John de Botheby, master of the hospital of Gretham, and others.

Compositio inter executores domini Thomæ de Levesham et magistrum Johannem de Botheby.

Universis Christi fidelibus, ad quos præsentes literæ pervenerint, Ricardus, permissione, etc., salutem in Domino. Ad universitatis vestræ notitiam, tenore præsentium, volumus pervenire, quod cum inter magistrum Johannem de Botheby, magistrum Hospitalis de Gretham, nostræ diœcesis, et ejusdem hospitalis fratres, actores, ex parte una, et magistrum Thomam de Levesham clericum, ac dominos Ricardum de Topclyve et Adam de Bedale, ecclesiarum de Stanton et de Gretham perpetuos vicarios, executores testamenti domini Thomæ de Levesham, quondam magistri hospitalis prædicti, et executoris testamenti, bonæ memoriæ domini Roberti de Stichill', quondam episcopi Dunelmensis, reos, ex altera, super ducentis libris sterlingorum, magistro et fratribus dicti hospitalis per dominum Robertum de Stichill', quondam episcopum antedictum, in testamento suo legatis, ad emendum boscum seu petariam pro usu hospitalis antedicti, coram . . . . . officiali nostro Dunelmensi, quæstio, seu controversia,

An. Episc. 2. mota fuisset, et aliquandiu processum in eadem; demum, hujusmodi quæstione et controversia ad nos, certis ex causis, revocatis, partibusque antedictis, videlicet dicto magistro Johanne, pro se et dictis fratribus, ac præfatis, magistro Thoma, Ricardo et Ada, executoribus prædictis, coram nobis, in capella manerii nostri de Stoketon', nostræ diœcesis, sexto die mensis Aprilis, anno Domini M°.CCC°.XIIJ°., personaliter constitutis, habitisque tractatibus inter partes prædictas, coram nobis, super quæstione et controversia prædictis, intervenientibusque amicis communibus, utræque partes prædictæ, volentes laboribus parcere, et expensis, ac etiam litium anfractum evitare, se sponte, pure, simpliciter et absolute, pro bono pacis, super præmissis ducentis libris, nostræ jurisdictioni ordinariæ, ac etiam ordinationi, totaliter submiserunt. Unde nos dictarum partium tranquillitati, ipsiusque hospitalis utilitati, prospicere cupientes, ut tenemur, præfatam submissionem utriusque partis admittentes, de ipsarum partium expresso consensu, et jurisperitorum consilio, nobis assidentium, auctoritate ordinaria, in modum qui sequitur, duximus ordinandum.—In Dei nomine, Amen. Nos, Ricardus, permissione divina, Dunelmensis episcopus, auditis, examinatis, et plenius intellectis, petitionibus magistri et fratrum hospitalis de Gretham prædicti, super ducentis libris sterlingorum, legatis eisdem in testamento, bonæ memoriæ, domini Roberti de Stichill', quondam episcopi Dunelmensis, ad emendum boscum seu petariam pro dicto hospitali, ac etiam responsionibus magistri Thomæ de Levesham, dominorum Ricardi et Adæ, ecclesiarum de Stanton' et de Gretham vicariorum prædictorum, executorum testamenti domini Thomæ de Levesham, quondam magistri dicti hospitalis, et executoris testamenti domini Roberti de Stichill', quondam Dunelmensis episcopi prædicti, super præmissis ducentis libris, ordinamus, auctoritate ordinaria, quod de centum libris, de quibus idem magister Johannes fatebatur, A.D. 1313.

A.D. 1313. coram nobis, sibi et dictis fratribus hospitalis de Gretham prædicti per dictos executores, in partem solutionis ipsarum centum librarum, in quadraginta marcis sterlingorum fuisse et esse satisfactum, iidem executores solvant, nomine dictorum magistri et fratrum hospitalis prædicti, et pro eis, præfato magistro Thomæ, hæredi dicti domini Thomæ de Levesham defuncti, quadraginta marcas sterlingorum, pro omnibus terris et tenementis, tam salinis quam aliis, quæ idem dominus Thomas de Levesham emit, pro se et hæredibus suis in territorio de Gretham, priusquam esset magister hospitalis supradicti, et quæ dicti magistri et fratres nunc habent et tenent. Idemque magister Thomas omnia prædicta tenementa, pro se et hæredibus suis, dictis magistro et fratribus quietum-clamabit per suum scriptum in perpetuum, et chartas ac munimenta, quæ ipsam terram contingunt, eisdem magistro et fratribus integre liberabit. Supradicti vero executores dabunt et reddent supradictis magistro et fratribus unam literam obligatoriam prioris et conventus de Gisburn', de sexaginta marcis, in quibus præfato domino Thomæ de Levesham, dum vixit, tenebantur, et in quibus, coram . . . . officiali nostro Dunelmensi, fuerant condemnati executoribus antedictis; quam quidem literam obligatoriam, et dicti . . . . officialis nostri literam condemnatoriam, dicti executores se habere fatebantur; et promiserunt dictam sententiam condemnatoriam suis sumptibus prosequi, et expensis, quousque magistro et fratribus hospitalis prædicti de dictis sexaginta marcis plene fuerit satisfactum. Et quod dicti executores decem marcas residuas, de centum libris prædictis, solvant magistro et fratribus antedictis. De aliis vero centum libris, in quarum recompensationem iidem executores tradiderunt, ut dicebant, et liberarunt dictis magistro et fratribus unam literam obligatoriam, bonæ memoriæ domini Antonii, quondam Dunelmensis episcopi, prædecessoris nostri, de centum libris, in quibus

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An. Episc. 2. prædictus dominus Antonius, dum vixit, præfato domino Thomæ de Levesham tenebatur; et si fieret defalcatio de prædicta summa centum librarum, quod præfati executores de quantitate pecuniæ defalcatæ satisfacerent magistro et fratribus antedictis; nos ad majorem hujus rei declarationem, auctoritate prædicta, ordinamus quod magister et fratres dicti hospitalis præfatam literam obligatoriam domini Antonii prædicti recipiant et habeant, a dictis executoribus, in recompensationem prædictarum centum librarum. Ita tamen, quod de bonis domini Thomæ de Levesham prædicti, ad valorem viginti librarum sterlingorum, in manibus dictorum executorum testamenti domini Thomæ prædicti, usque ad finem anni, ex causa dictæ defalcationis, si qua fiat, remaneant sequestrata; quæ etiam ex nunc sequestramus. Et si infra dictum annum defalcationem fieri contigerit de dictis centum libris, contentis in dicta litera obligatoria domini Antonii prædicti, usque ad summam viginti librarum, vel infra, dicti executores domini Thomæ prædicti de dictis bonis sequestratis satisfaciant magistro et fratribus memoratis. Et si, anno elapso, falcidia facta non fuerit, quod nihilominus dicta [bona] usque ad summam viginti librarum in manibus prædictorum executorum sequestrata remaneant, donec hujusmodi sequestrum per nos fuerit relaxatum. Et ad observationem omnium præmissorum, nos partes prædictas, quatenus ipsas partes, et earum alteram, præmissa contingunt, sententialiter in hiis scriptis condemnamus. In quorum omnium testimonium, has literas nostras in formam publici instrumenti per Ricardum de Ganyo, notarium publicum infrascriptum, scribi et publicari fecimus, nostrique sigilli appensione muniri. Actum et datum, anno Domini, die, mense et loco, supradictis, Indictione undecima: præsentibus, magistris Johanne de Insula, legum professore, canonico ecclesiæ præbendalis de Aukland', Henrico de Luceby, rectore ecclesiæ de Bliburgh', Ricardo de Hoton' et aliis clericis testibus ad præmissa vocatis specialiter, et rogatis. Et A.D. 1313.

A.D. 1313. ego, Ricardus natus quondam Henrici de Ganyo, clericus, Conventrensis et Lychefeldensis diœcesis, et imperiali auctoritate notarius publicus, prædictis omnibus, coram dicto patre, et per eum, dictis die et loco, actis una cum dictis testibus, præsens interfui, et ea omnia sic fieri, vidi et audivi, ipsaque omnia propria manu scripsi rogatus, in hanc publicam formam redegi, meumque signum apposui consuetum. Et rasuram supra in septima linea, ubi nunc scribuntur hæc verba, "ad emendum," propria manu feci, et dicta verba ibidem scripsi, meum errorem corrigendo. An. Episc. 2.

Letter from the bishop of Durham to the archbishop of York relative to the testament of John Marmeduk.

Litera missa archiepiscopo Eboracensi pro testamento Johannis Marmeduk'.

Venerabili in Christo patri domino, Willelmo, Dei gratia, Eboracensi archiepiscopo, Angliæ primati, devotus filius Ricardus, divina miseratione, Dunolmensis episcopus, salutem, cum debitis et devotis obedientia, reverentia et honore. Quia reputamus opus caritatis eximium pias facere voluntates decedentium adimpleri, vestræ sanctæ paternitatis affectui significamus quod compositio quam super testamento domini Johannis Marmeduci cum[1] dominus Henricus filius Hugonis, sub nostro, et domini Ricardi, filii et hæredis dicti domini Johannis sigillo poterit exhibere inter executores dicti domini Johannis et præfatum dominum Ricardum, in nostra præsentia facta fuit, et ab eodem domino Ricardo, in omnibus suis articulis acceptata, et, juramento etiam præstito, approbata. Quam quidem compositionem idem dominus Ricardus nunc nititur infringere, et voluntatem patris sui multipliciter impedire. Propter quod, sanctam paternitatem vestram humiliter duximus requirendam, quatenus, ne fidelium animæ speratis et expectatis beneficiis diutius defraudentur, officiali vestro, coram quo nunc dictum agitatur negotium, velitis injungere, quod ipsum velit celeritate quæ in hujusmodi requiritur negotiis matu-

[1] Sic in MS., but out of place.

An. Episc. 2. rare; fuit enim præfatus dominus Johannes nobis dum in claustro egimus, admodum benevolus et amicus intimus, et idcirco quæ ad salutem animæ ipsius agere poterunt, insident fervide cordi nostro, et tenemur cum mentis desiderio procurare. Incolumitatem sanctæ paternitatis vestræ conservet jocundam ad honorem et regimen ecclesiæ suæ Deus. Datum apud Auk', ultimo die Aprilis. A.D. 1313.

Inquisitio de vicaria de Akeley.

f. 80 b. An inquisition ordered to be made relative to the vicarage of Akeley.

Venerabili in Christo patri, et domino suo reverendo, domino Ricardo, Dei gratia, Dunolmensi episcopo, suus humilis et devotus clericus . . . . officialis domini archidiaconi Dunolmensis salutem et filialem subjectionem, cum debitis obedientia, reverentia, pariter et honore. Mandatum vestrum omni reverentia, sicut decuit, nuper in hæc verba recepi: —Ricardus, permissione divina, Dunolmensis episcopus, dilecto filio, domino archidiacono Dunolmensi, vel . . . ejus . . . officiali salutem, gratiam et benedictionem. Præsentaverunt nobis religiosi viri, . . . prior et conventus ecclesiæ nostræ Dunolmensis, magistrum Ricardum de Hoton', clericum, ad vicariam de Akeley, vacantem, et ad suam præsentationem spectantem, ut dicunt. Quocirca, vobis mandamus, quatenus, in proximo pleno loci capitulo, per rectores et vicarios vicinos, inquiratis diligenter an dicta vicaria vacet; et a quo tempore vacavit, et qualiter; quis sit verus patronus ejusdem; quis ad eam tempore pacis ultimo præsentavit; quis sit in possessione præsentandi; quantum valeat per annum; an sit pensionaria, et cui, et in quantum; an sit litigiosa, et inter quos, et qua occasione; de conditionibus etiam præsentati, an sit idoneus, in quibus ordinibus constitutus; an sit alibi beneficiatus; et utrum de uno, vel de pluribus beneficiis consimilem curam habentibus, et aliis articulis necessariis et consuetis. Et quid per hujusmodi inquisitionem inveneritis, sub sigillo vestro, una cum sigillis eorum per quos inquisitionem feceritis, distincte et aperte, in forma consueta, nobis

A.D. 1313. constare dilucide faciatis. Datum apud Stoketon, An. Episc. 2. xviij°. die Martii, anno Domini millesimo ccc°. duodecimo, et pontificatus nostri secundo.

Hujus igitur auctoritate mandati, facta inquisitione diligenti in pleno capitulo, apud Derlington', die Lunæ proxima ante festum Apostolorum Philippi et Jacobi, celebrato per rectores, vicarios, ac sacerdotes parochiales infrascriptos, videlicet per dominos Johannem filium Henrici, Johannem de Akeley, Willelmum de Ellewyk', Johannem de Cambe, ecclesiarum de Midelton' in Tesedale, Stainton in Strata, Elleton', et Midelton' Sancti Georgii rectores; ac per Willelmum de Pykering', Ricardum de Hanington', Thomam de Hoo, Rabanum de Jar', Willelmum de Burdon', et Willelmum de Dunolmo, ecclesiarum de Gaynford', Derlington', Bisshopton', Sokeburn, Heghington' et Grendon', vicarios; necnon et Willelmum de Stokesley ac Henricum de Tesedale, ecclesiarum de Redmershill et de Castro Bernardy sacerdotes parochiales; compertum est evidenter, quod dicta vicaria vacat, et vacavit a festo Assumptionis Beatæ Mariæ, per mortem domini Roberti de Wolveston', dudum vicarii ejusdem: prior et conventus Dunolmensis sunt veri patroni ejusdem, et tempore pacis ultimo ad eam præsentaverunt, et sunt in possessione præsentandi; de valore ignoratur, quod non taxatur; non est pensionaria nec litigiosa: præsentatus etiam ad eam est idoneus, morigeratus et honestus, et est diaconus, nec est alibi beneficiatus. In cujus rei testimonium, sigillum officii mei, una cum sigillis præscriptorum, sic deponentium præsentibus est appensum. Conservet vos ad regimen ecclesiæ et populi sui Deus, per tempora prospera et longæva. Datum apud Derlington', ij. kal. Maii, anno Domini millesimo trecentesimo tertio decimo.

Institution on part of the prior and convent of Durham to the vicarage of Akeley.

Institutio ejusdem.

Ricardus, permissione divina, Dunolmensis episcopus, dilecto in Christo filio, magistro Ricardo de Hoton', diacono, salutem, gratiam et benedictionem. Ad vicariam ecclesiæ de Akeley, nostræ

An. Episc. 2. dicœcesis Dunolmensis, vacantem, et ad patronatum, seu præsentationem, religiosorum virorum . . . . prioris et conventus ecclesiæ nostræ Dunolmensis, prout per inquisitionem super hoc, de mandato nostro, captam, plenius apparet, spectantem, ad eorundem . . . prioris et conventus præsentationem, te admittimus, et cum cura et onere personalis residentiæ, ac cæteris quæ incumbunt, perpetuum vicarium instituimus in eadem. In cujus rei testimonium, præsentes literas tibi fieri, et nostro sigillo fecimus communiri. Datum apud Aukeland', primo die Maii, anno Domini millesimo trecentesimo tertio decimo, et pontificatus nostri secundo. A.D. 1313.

Inductio ejusdem. Ricardus, permissione divina, Dunolmensis episcopus, dilecto in Christo filio, domino . . . archidiacono Dunolmensi, vel ejus officiali, salutem, etc. Quia ad præsentationem religiosorum virorum . . . prioris et conventus ecclesiæ nostræ Dunolmensis, ad quos vicariæ de Akeley pertinere dinoscitur patronatus, prout per inquisitionem super hoc, de mandato nostro, captam, plenius nobis constat, magistrum Ricardum de Hoton', diaconum, admisimus, et, cum cura et onere personalis residentiæ, perpetuum vicarium instituimus in eadem : vobis mandamus, quatenus eundem magistrum Ricardum in corporalem possessionem prædictæ vicariæ, cum suis juribus et pertinentiis universis, inducatis et inductum canonice, vice nostra, defendatis. Valete. Datum apud Aukeland', die et anno supradictis. f. 81. Induction on the presentation of the prior and convent of Durham, to the vicarage of Akeley.

Compositio inter priorem de Gysburn' et vicarium de Stranton super cantaria in capella de Seton'. In Dei nomine, Amen. Cum super jure inveniendi cantariam in capella de Seton', ad parochialem ecclesiam de Stranton, quam religiosi viri, prior et conventus de Gyseburn', in proprios usus obtinent, pertinente, inter ipsos religiosos, ex parte una, et dominum Ricardum de Topclive, perpetuum vicarium dictæ ecclesiæ de Stranton, ex altera, exorta fuisset dissensionis materia, nos, Ricardus, permissione Award made by the bishop in a controversy between the prior of Gysburn and the vicar of Stranton, relative to a chantry in the chapel of Seton.

A.D. 1313. divina, Dunolmensis episcopus, dictos . . priorem et conventum primo, ac subsequenter eundem dominum Ricardum, super subtractione cantariæ ejusdem, et jure inveniendi eam, fecissemus ad certos diem et locum ad nostram præsentiam evocari; quibus coram nobis sufficienter et legitime comparentibus, idem dominus Ricardus præfato religioso ad inveniendum prædictam cantariam ratione duarum bovatarum[1] terræ in Seton' pro cantaria ipsa olim eis donatæ, teneri, et teneri debere, proposuit, ac etiam allegavit; parte ipsorum religiosorum, vicarios, qui pro tempore fuerint in dicta ecclesia, ad inveniendum cantariam prædictam obnoxios esse, et quod ipsam cantariam sic invenire consueverunt, dictamque terram[2] eisdem religiosis liberam, sine ullo onere, remanere debere, et hactenus remansisse in contrarium proponente; exhibitisque per partem ipsorum religiosorum literis bonæ memoriæ Philippi et Walteri, quondam episcoporum Dunolmensium, prædecessorum nostrorum, super ordinatione et augmentatione dictæ vicariæ, et nonnullis aliis instrumentis authenticis, ac aliis probationibus super propositis hujusmodi, et super hiis disceptatione diutina inter partes prædictas habita coram nobis, juris ordine, qui in casu hujusmodi requiritur, per omnia observato: quia, rimatis probationibus prædictis, et processu habito in hac parte, invenimus dictum vicarium, et successores suos qui pro tempore fuerint, ad inveniendum cantariam prædictam, et ad subeundum omnia onera episcopalia et archidiaconalia, et quævis alia dictas ecclesiam et capellam contingentia, teneri, et teneri debere, et vicarios, qui pro tempore fuerint, sic fuisse oneratos ab antiquo, et adhuc esse, et ipsos religiosos ad ea quomodolibet non teneri, ipsum vicarium, et successores suos, ad inveniendum cantariam ipsam, et omnia onera, ut præmittitur, subeundum, dictosque religiosos ad inveniendum ipsam An. Episc. 2.

[1] These two words are struck out in MS.

[2] Altered from "duas bovatas terræ."

An. Episc. 2. cantariam seu onera hujusmodi subeundum, non teneri, A.D. 1313.
sed eos in hiis sufficienter fore munitos, terramque prædictam eisdem religiosis liberam et quietam totaliter ab hujusmodi onere remanere debere, sententialiter declaramus, pronunciamus et decernimus, in hiis scriptis, eosdem religiosos ab inventione ipsius cantariæ qualibet judicialiter absolventes. Et ut idem Ricardus vicarius prædictus, suique successores, vicarii de Stranton', qui pro tempore fuerint, pro onere dictæ cantariæ tolerabilius supportando, aliquid lucri sentiant, diffinimus et ordinamus, de ipsarum partium expresso consensu, quod, absque augmentatione dictæ vicariæ in futurum petenda, seu facienda, dicti . . prior et conventus, et eorum successores, solvant et reddant in perpetuum annuam pensionem decem solidorum præfato Ricardo, et ejus successoribus, vicariis ecclesiæ de Stranton' antedictæ, in festo Sancti Martini in hieme, apud Stranton ; dictorum prædecessorum nostrorum concessionibus et confirmationibus super ecclesia de Stranton' et capella de Seton', prædictis religiosis factis, in suo nihilominus f. 81 b.
remanentibus robore firmitatis. Quas etiam concessiones et confirmationes dictorum prædecessorum nostrorum, episcoporum Dunolmensium, ex certa scientia in hiis scriptis confirmamus. In quorum omnium testimonium, sigillum nostrum præsentibus est appensum. Has nostras declarationem, pronunciationem, diffinitionem et ordinationem, una cum decreto nostro prædicto, in formam publici instrumenti, per Ricardum de Ganio, notarium publicum infrascriptum, scribi et publicari fecimus, nostrique sigilli appensione muniri. Actum et datum apud Aukeland', nostræ diœcesis, xxvij°. die mensis Aprilis, sub anno Domini millesimo ccc^mo^. tertio decimo, Indictione undecima, pontificatus nostri anno secundo : præsentibus, venerabili patre, domino Thoma, Dei gratia, Candidæ Casæ episcopo, fratre Willelmo de Gretham, priore ecclesiæ de Coldingham, magistris, Ricardo de Eryum, officiali Dunolmensi, Henrico de Luceby, rectore ecclesiæ de Blyburgh', Alano

A.D. 1313. de Bolton', rectore ecclesiæ de Elwyk', et Stephano de Clotes de Jar', Johanne de Routheclyf', Willelmo de Colleby, notariis publicis, et aliis quampluribus, clericis et laicis, testibus ad præmissa vocatis specialiter, et rogatis. Et ego Ricardus natus quondam Henrici de Ganio, clericus, Conventrensis et Lichefeldensis diœcesis, apostolica et imperialiauctoritate, notarius publicus, prædictis declarationi, pronunciationi, diffinitioni, ordinationi et decreto, et omnibus aliis supradictis per dictum patrem, Dunolmensem episcopum, et coram eo, die et loco prædictis, una cum dictis testibus, præsens interfui, et ea omnia sic fieri vidi et audivi, ipsaque omnia propria manu scripsi rogatus, in hanc publicam formam redegi, meumque signum apposui consuetum. An. Episc. 2.

Letter from cardinal Arnaldo to the bishop of Durham, absolving John de Kalmarton from the excommunication he had incurred for assaulting John de Leycestre, a priest.

[Litera] domini pro e Johannis [de Kalm]arton'.

Venerabili in Christo patri, domino . ., Dei gratia, episcopo Dunolmensi, vel ejus vicario in spiritualibus, frater Arnaldus, miseratione divina, tituli Sanctæ Priscæ presbyter cardinalis, apostolicæ sedis nuncius, salutem in Domino. Johannem de Kalmarton', laicum, vestræ diœcesis, latorem præsentium, ab excommunicatione quam incurrit, pro eo quod sicut asseruit, in Johannem de Leycestr', presbyterum, dictæ diœcesis, manus injecit, usque ad effusionem sanguinis, temere, violenter, citra tamen læsionem enormem, per pœnitentiarium nostrum, auctoritate apostolica, nobis in hac parte concessa, juxta formam ecclesiæ, facientes absolvi, ipsum ad vos, eadem auctoritate, remittimus absolutum; sibique mandari fecimus, inter alia, sub debito præstiti juramenti, ut passo injuriam si non satisfecerit, satisfaciat competenter. Vos autem, considerata culpa ipsius, injungatis inde sibi pœnitentiam salutarem. Quod si satisfacere forte contempserit, intimetis sibi, quod nos declaramus eum, ipso jure, in eandem excommunicationis sententiam recidisse. Datum Londoniis, v. kal. Maii, pontificatus domini Clementis, papæ, V. anno viij°.

An. Episc. 2. [P]œnitentia [injung]enda eidem.

A.D. 1313. Penance enjoined on John de Kaldmarton for assaulting John de Leycestre, a priest.

Ricardus, permissione divina, etc., dilecto filio, capellano parochiali de Wolloure, salutem, gratiam et benedictionem. Cum nos ad mandatum venerabilis viri, domini Arnaldi, tituli Sanctæ Priscæ presbyteri cardinalis, Johanni de Kaldmarton', laico, nostræ diœcesis, ab eodem domino cardinali de injectione manuum violenta in dominum Johannem de Leyc', presbyterum, usque ad sanguinis effusionem, citra tamen læsionem enormem, facta, canonice absoluto, ipsius Johannis culpa considerata, trinas fustigationes circa ecclesiam parochialem de Wolloure, more pœnitentium, injunxerimus subeundas; vobis mandamus, quatenus eundem Johannem de Kaldmarton' ad peragendam pœnitentiam hujusmodi, sibi per nos injunctam, prout convenit, admittentes, causam propter quam hujusmodi pœnitentiam subit, in vulgari publice exponatis; intimantes eidem, quod nisi dicto domino Johanni satisfaciat, si nondum eidem fuerit satisfactum, et pœnitentiam sibi injunctam peragat, ipsum in pristinam sententiam recidisse; certificantes nos super hiis quæ in hac parte facta fuerint, cum inde fueritis requisiti, per vestras patentes literas, harum seriem continentes. Valete. Datum apud Aukeland', v°. die Maii, anno Domini millesimo trecentesimo tertio decimo, et pontificatus nostri secundo.

Commissio pro debitoribus Roberti Haunsard.

Appointment of commissioners to pronounce upon the petitions and plaints against Robert Haunsard, deceased.

Ricardus, etc., dilectis filiis . . officiali nostro Dunolmensi, magistro Willelmo de Kellawe, et Johanni de Pollowe, clericis, salutem, etc. Ad recipiendum petitiones et querelas quorumcunque, qui dominum quondam Robertum Haunsard militem, nostræ diœcesis, nuper defunctum, sibi fuisse qualitercunque, dum vixerat, obligatum dicere voluerint, ac ad cognoscendum et pronunciandum super petitionibus et querelis hujusmodi, vobis, de quorum circumspecta industria fiduciam gerimus pleniorem, vices nostras, cum cujuslibet coercionis canonicæ potes- f. 82.

A.D. 1313. tate, committimus per præsentes; proviso quod in congregationibus cleri, et etiam populi, faciatis publice proclamari, quod omnes et singuli, qui petitiones et querelas hujusmodi sibi competere crediderint, eas vobis citra diem Lunæ proximam post festum Sancti Dunstani, quem diem sibi pro termino peremptorio assignamus, in scriptis redactas, faciant actualiter liberari, ipsasque, terminis et locis sibi per vos statuendis, effectualiter prosequantur. Quod si non omnes hiis exequendis contigerit interesse, duo vestrum ea nihilominus exequantur. Valete. Datum apud Aukeland, vj°. die Maii, anno Domini, etc. [M^mo.ccc°.] tertio decimo, et pontificatus nostri secundo. An. Episc. 2.

Letter from the bishop of Durham to Herman Desfontaines relative to the plaint of Richard de Leycestre concerning the church of Quicham.

Litera missa domino Hermanno de Fontibus.

Reverendæ discretionis viro, domino Hermanno de Fontibus, canonico Coloniensi, domini papæ capellano, Ricardus, permissione divina, etc., salutem, et sinceræ caritatis in Domino continuum incrementum. Discretionis vestræ clausas literas, ad querelam magistri Ricardi de Leycestr' nobis directas, recepimus inter cætera, continentes, quod, cum ipse, auctoritate vestra, et magistri Hugonis Geraldi, coexecutoris vestri, auctoritate apostolica, deputati, in corporalem possessionem ecclesiæ de Quicham restitutus et reductus fuisset, ac quidam per laicalem potentiam se in eandem ecclesiam intrusissent, et fructus ipsius ecclesiæ consumpsissent, excessus hujusmodi reformari et præsumptores eosdem faceremus debite castigari. Quocirca, discretioni vestræ, tenore præsentium, elucescat, quod dum alias ad executionem mandati vestri proinde nobis directi, per, nos quantum potuimus, et de jure debuimus, insteterimus, tanta invaluit, et adhuc instat, in tota diœcesi nostra, quod dolentes referimus, hostium de regno Scotiæ benevolorum partis adversæ, et quorundam potentium de Northumbria, in cujus confinio ipsa ecclesia noscitur esse sita, infra potestatem regalem domini nostri regis Angliæ illustris, extra libertatem

An. Episc. 2. nostram notorie existentem, gravis et quotidiana per- A.D. 1313.
secutio. Qui adhuc adeo dominantur, censuram ecclesiasticam non verentes, et ad dictæ ecclesiæ litigiosam defensionem contra vos et nos de totis viribus exponentes, quod non potuimus, nec possumus, quamvis circa hoc labores grandes apposuimus, aliquem reperire, qui yconomatem in dicta ecclesia recipiat, seu mandata vestra, propter mortem et corporis pericula evidentissima, effectualiter exequatur; quinimmo, nos ipsi, ut majoribus præcaveamus periculis, quia eis per viam justitiæ hiis diebus non possumus obviare, pacem nostram, cessante rigore justitiæ, redimere nos oportet. Placeat igitur discretioni vestræ reverendæ nos excusatos habere, si non possumus hiis temporibus plene perficere quæ rogastis. Promittimus rogata debite exequi, cum facultas permiserit, et tempora apud nos fuerint mitiora. Valete. Datum apud Auk', ij°. die Maii.

Testamentum domini Willelmi le Vavasour'. The last testament of William le Vavasour.

In Dei nomine, Amen. Ego Willelmus le Vavasour, miles, condo testamentum meum in hunc modum, die Jovis proximo post festum beati Gregorii papæ, anno Domini M°.ccc^mo. undecimo. In primis, lego animam meam Deo et Beatæ Mariæ et omnibus Sanctis, et corpus meum ad sepeliendum in Nova Capella Sancti Leonardi de Heselwod', et pro mortuario meo meliorem equum meum, cum armis ad militem pertinentibus. Item, lego in cera et in oblationibus, xx. marcas. Item, die sepulturæ meæ, in distributione pauperum, videlicet, cuilibet, j. *d.* sexaginta sex libras, tresdecim solidos, et quatuor denarios, et plus, si necesse fuerit. Item, dominæ Nicholæ, uxori meæ, omnes carucas, cum bobus et affris pertinentibus ad easdem, quas habeo in Stubbes, Kyrke Smytheton', Parva Smytheton', Stapelton' et Wolmersley, ad domos de mora, cum tota vestura omnimodi bladi in terra et in grangia. Item, lego prædictæ Nicholæ omnes carucas, cum bobus et affris pertinentibus ad easdem, et

A.D. 1313. cum equis pro carectis, quas habeo in maneriis de Cokesford', Waddeworth', Breddeswod', et Pykeburn', cum omnimodo blado pro terra seminanda prædictorum maneriorum, et pro sustentatione servientium, boum, et affrorum. Item, eidem Nicholæ viginti quatuor discos argenti cum, tot sauseriis argenteis, et octo cyphos argenteos, et unum cyphum argenteum deauratum, quem eadem vult eligere. Item, unum magnum mazerium cum pede argenteo, et unam veram crucem, pro vita sua, et post decessum suum prædictum mazerium et
f. 82 b. vera crux ad hæredes meos revertantur. Item, eidem, duas pelves argenti. Item, lego domino Waltero filio meo, et hæredi, armaturam pro suo corpore, et unum equum, prout decet. Item, domino Petro le Vavasour, rectori de Staynton, unum pullanum. Item, Henrico le Vavasour, filio meo, sexaginta marcas, sub hac forma; si bene se habuerit erga Deum et homines, secundum judicium executorum meorum, et maxime relinquendo illam meretricem quam nunc tenet; sin autem, secundum ordinationem dictorum executorum, pro anima mea in eleemosynis erogentur. Item, eidem, sub forma prædicta, armaturam quam ei accommodavi. Item, dominæ Aliciæ filiæ meæ, moniali de Sinyngthwayt', decem libras. Item, Malgero, fratri meo, quinque marcas. Item, Johanni fratri meo, decem marcas. Item, Amandæ sorori meæ, decem marcas. Item, dominæ Margaretæ, sorori meæ, centum solidos. Item, Johanni filio Jurdani le Vavasour, quadraginta solidos. Item, domino Radulpho filio Willelmi, unam loricam, et unam capellam ferream, cum quadam lancea de Gasconia. Item domino Johanni de Creppying', unam loricam, et unum par de *trappes*. Item, domino Willelmo de Nunny, unam imaginem beatæ Virginis de *yvor'*. Item, fratribus Prædicatoribus de Eboraco, quinque marcas. Item, Minoribus ejusdem civitatis, quinque marcas. Item, fratribus Augustini, ibidem, xl. *s.* Item, fratribus de Monte Carmeli, xl. *s.* Item fratribus Prædicatoribus

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An. Episc. 2. de Pontefracto, vj. marcas; fratribus Prædicatoribus Beverlaci, xl. *s.*; fratribus Minoribus ibidem, xl. *s.*; fratribus Prædicatoribus de Skartheburg', xl. *s.*; fratribus Minoribus ejusdem, xl. *s.*; fratribus Prædicatoribus de Jar', xl. *s.*; fratribus Minoribus Rychemund, xl. *s.*; fratribus Minoribus Donecastr', xl. *s.*; fratribus Augustini de Tykyll', xl. *s.*; fabricæ ecclesiæ Sancti Johannis de Pontefracto, xl. *s.* Item, monialibus de Sinyngthwayt', x. marcas. Monialibus de Apelton', Munketon', Sancti Clementis Eboraci, Arthington', Esshold', Kyrkeleys, Wilburfesse, cuilibet Conventui prædictarum, xl. *s.* Item sex capellanis celebrantibus in Capella de Heselwod, pro anima mea, primo anno obitus mei, xxx. marcas. Item, Johanni le Vavasour', patri meo defuncto, xx. *li.* sterlingorum, ad missas celebrandum, et pauperibus erogandum, in quibus ei teneor nomine debiti. Item, pro debito dominæ Aliciæ le Vavasour, matris meæ defunctæ, centum marcas, quod prædictum debitum de bonis meis volo levari, et præ omnibus aliis solvi. Item, dominæ Nicholæ de Sancta Maria. xx. *li.*, ad missas celebrandum, et pauperibus erogandum, in quibus ei teneor nomine debiti. Item, ad celebrandum pro anima Simonis Moisi, v. marcas. Item, pro anima Walteri de Sutton', xx. *s.* Item, domino Stephano celebranti missam beatæ Mariæ apud Heselwod', dimidium marcæ. Item, fratri Nicholao le Bele, xx. *s.* Item, Capellæ de Thorp', unum vestimentum integrum. Item, domino Simoni de Catherton', xl. *s.*; domino Galfrido, rectori de Thirnescogh', v. marcas. Item, domino Hugoni, rectori de Cokefeld, c. *s.*; domino Rogero, quondam procuratori ecclesiæ de Billton', j. marcam; Willelmo de Roucestr', x. marcas; Radulpho de Beston, pro servitio suo, c. *s.* Et eidem, ex condonatione in denariis ei mutuatis, xl. *s.* Item, Simoni clerico dimidium marcæ; Roberto de Bradefeld', iiij. marcas; Willelmo de Creppyng', xl. *s.*; Thomæ del Hille de Siclinghall', xl. *s.*; Thomæ de Graystanes, xl. *s.*; Eliæ de Birton', xx. *s.*; Alexandro A.D. 1313.

A.D. 1313. de Estburn, xx. *s.*; Willelmo Talenate, xx. *s.*; Roberto le Ferour, xl. *s.*; Roberto Forestar', de Adingham, xx. *s.*; Willelmo le Parker, xl. *s.* Et si idem Willelmus ante uxorem suam obierit, habeant pueri sui dictam pecuniam. Adæ Coco, xl. *s.* Adinet' le Fauconer, unum falconem *laner*, vel xx. *s.* Thomæ le Gramayr, xx. *s.*; Johanni de Birton', dimidium marcæ. Hugoni le Stedman, Thomæ de Norton', Simoni servienti de Heselwod', Thomæ servienti ibidem, Johanni le Barker, cuilibet eorum, xx. *s.* Henrico de Helagh', Johanni del Wod', Willelmo de Peteworth', Thomæ de Adingham, Roberto de Friston', Hugoni de Halikeld', Roberto de Hanlay, Ranulpho de Heselwod', cuilibet eorum, j. marcam. Johanni de London', dimidium marcæ. Cuilibet garcioni et cuilibet pagio qui mecum in servitio steterit per annum, dimidium marcæ. Item, duabus filiabus Thomæ Golyas, iiij. *li.* Executoribus Simonis Aunger de Pontefracto, l. *s.* Item, uxori Adæ de Eboraco, de Pontefracto, j. marcam. Item, propinquioribus Henrici de Ayketon', de Pontefracto, xx. *s.* Item, propinquioribus indigentibus Jacobi de Metheley, xx. *s.* Item, camerario meo, quicunque fuerit, lectum meum, excepto coopertorio meo punctato. Item cuilibet [præposito] maneriorum meorum, ubi villam habeo, xx. *s.* ad erogandum pauperibus in illis commorantibus; et unum bovem parochiali ecclesiæ, pro decimis supplendis. Item, vicario de Wadeword', unam robam; Johanni de Appelby, de Eboraco, j. robam; Aliciæ uxori suæ, j. robam. Item, Johanni Marescallo de Bramham, j. robam, et ij. vaccas. Item, pueris Gilberti, quondam præpositi mei de Stutton', xx. *s.* Item, Johannæ de Morton', v. *s.*; Johannæ de Aula de Pontefracto, ad maritagium, pro amore Dei, xl. *s.*; Simoni le Barbeour, de Pontefracto, dimidium marcæ ponti de Wetherby, xx. *s.* ponti de Boult', xx. *s.*; passagio de Stutton', xl. *s.* Item, ponti passagii de Aberford, xx. *s.* Cooperturæ et ornamentis Capellæ de Friston', xl. *s.* Dominabus Elenæ de Moubray, Mar- An. Episc. 2.

An. Episc. 2. garetæ de Nevill', Elianoræ le Walays, Aliciæ le Walays, Aliciæ de Stepham, Isabellæ de Stepham, Isabellæ de Mortuo Mari, Agneti de Hasting', Johannæ de Stapelton', Luciæ de Burgh', Elizabet uxori domini Roberti filii Radulphi, Paulinæ de Gras, Elianoræ le Vavasour, Burgh' de Vaux, Luciæ de Rythre, Margaretæ de Alta Ripa, uxori domini Willelmi de Houk', uxori domini Ranulphi Blaumusters, cuilibet earum, annulum aureum. Item, dominæ Aliciæ, uxori domini Johannis de Creppyng' * * *[1]. A.D. 1313.

Commissio super inquisitione augmentationis vicariæ de Felton.

f. 84. Appointment of commissioners to try the petition of the vicar of Felton relative to the augmentation of the vicarage of that place.

Ricardus, permissione divina, Dunolmensis episcopus, dilectis in Christo filiis, magistris Willelmo de Quicham, decano in ecclesia præbendali de Langecestr', et Ricardo de Morpath', rectori ecclesiæ de Graystok', salutem, gratiam et benedictionem. Petitionem dilecti in Christo filii, domini Willelmi, perpetui vicarii ecclesiæ de Felton', graviter conquerentis, audivimus, continentem quod de proventibus ipsius ecclesiæ non habet congruentem portionem, vicariæ suæ assignatam, per quam potest commode sustentari, et onera eidem incumbentia debite supportare. Quocirca, vobis, de quorum industria plenam fiduciam gerimus et habemus, committimus et mandamus, quatenus ad dictam ecclesiam, vel aliquem locum vicinum, ubi veritas melius sciri poterit, vos personaliter conferentes, de valore præfatæ ecclesiæ, ac portionis vicariæ assignatæ, et de circumstantiis necessariis, servato debito ordine, in hac parte, cum diligentia qua convenit, inquiratis. Et quid feceritis aut inveneritis in præmissis, nobis, propter ea, distincte volumus per vestras literas intimari; ut præfatam vicariam, si oporteat, Deo propitio, possimus, sicut expedit, augmentare. Proviso, quod si vos ambo prædictæ inquisitioni faciendæ interesse non poteritis, unus vestrum, non expectata præ-

[1] A leaf is lost here.

A.D. 1313. sentia alterius, ipsam, in forma prædicta, faciat nihilominus, et sequatur, et nos certificet quid actum fuerit competenter. Valete. Datum apud Wolsingham, xix°. die Maii, pontificatus nostri anno secundo. An. Episc. 2.

Appointment of commissioners to proceed in the matter of the Lady Ida de Nevill.

Commissio pro domina Ida de Nevill'.

Ricardus, permissione divina, etc. dilectis filiis, magistris Thomæ de Clyfford', decano ecclesiæ præbendalis de Aukland', [sacristæ ecclesiæ nostræ Dunelmensis, magistro Johanni de Nassington, officialis nostri Dunelmensis commissario generali,][1] Michaeli de Harcla, præbendario ecclesiæ collegiatæ de Langcestr', et Johanni de Jar, rectori ecclesiæ de Bernyngham; salutem, gratiam et benedictionem. Breve quoddam nuper recepimus continentiæ infrascriptæ :—Ricardus, etc.—Nos igitur non valentes examinationi ipsius negotii personaliter intendere, variis et arduis multipliciter præpediti [negotiis], vobis, de quorum circumspectionis industria plenam fiduciam obtinemus, in toto negotio prædicto, et illud quomodolibet contingentibus, vices nostras committimus, cum cujuslibet coercionis canonicæ potestate; proviso quod in eodem negotio, eo quod celeritatem requirit, cum maturitate et celeritate quibus convenit procedentes, rei veritatem diligentius investigare, et nos ante diem in brevi prædicto contentum, super hiis quæ inveneritis, dilucide et adeo tempestive certificare curetis, quod ad dictum diem breve ipsum possimus debite retornare. Quod si vos omnes hiis exequendis non contigerit interesse, duo, aut unus, vestrum qui præsentes fuerint, vel præsens fuerit, ea nihilominus exequantur, vel exequatur. Valete. Datum apud Aukland'.

An ordinance made in the year 1260 relative to the vicarage of Felton.

Ordinatio antiqua super vicaria de Felton.

Universis sanctæ matris ecclesiæ filiis, præsentes literas visuris, vel audituris, Rogerus de Seyton, domini Dunolmensis episcopi officialis et commissarius generalis in causis et negotiis eidem domino a sede apostolica delegatis, salutem in

[1] The words, within brackets, are placed at the foot of the page in the MS.

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volumus pervenire, quod nos, vocatis vocandis et præsentibus, vicariam ecclesiæ de Felton', quam viri religiosi, . . . prior et conventus de Brinkeburn', in proprios usus obtinere dinoscuntur, ad hoc potissime considerationem habentes, quod . . . prior et conventus antedicti, in proprios usus, possident duntaxat ecclesiam memoratam, in cujus parochia idem prioratus consistit, nec alias opitulenter est dotatus, subscripto moderamine duximus ordinandum, statuentes quod in subscriptis portionibus vicaria consistit memorata, quas vicariis pro tempore futuro, per hanc nostram ordinationem, conferimus quiete et pacifice in futurum possidendas; videlicet, sexdecim acras terræ arabilis, cum prato in ipsius ecclesiæ fundo, de quibus dicta de Felton ecclesia dotata consistit; decimam garbarum omnium villarum de Felton prædictæ et Ayketon', unum toftum et croftum in villa de Framelington', quæ capellanus ibidem celebraturus inhabitabit. Cætera autem omnia, ad ecclesiam eandem qualitercunque pertinentia, dicti . . . prior et conventus pacifice et quiete percipient et retinebunt. Sustinebunt autem vicarii, qui pro tempore fuerint, omnia ministrorum ipsius ecclesiæ de Felton', et capellæ de Framlington', necessariorum onera. Cætera autem, tam ordinaria, quam extraordinaria, ipsius ecclesiæ idem . . . prior et conventus perpetuo sustinebunt. Hanc siquidem nostram ordinationem, in præsentia partium recitatam, et ab eisdem plenius intellectam, eædem acceptaverunt, et gratis consenserunt in eandem. Actum apud Gatisheved', mense Maii, anno gratiæ millesimo cc. sexagesimo, præsentibus, de Alnewyk' et de Egleston abbatibus, dominis, Waltero f. 84 b.
Heron', rectore ecclesiæ de Ford', custode Hospitalis Sancti Edmundi de Gatisheved', magistris Roberto de Hampton', Gilberto Bacon', Radulpho de Holvell', tunc clerico nostro, et aliis, testibus ad hoc specialiter convocatis. In cujus rei testimonium, præsentibus literis sigillum officialitatis Dunolmensis ecclesiæ apposuimus.

A.D. 1313. An inquisition to be made as to the value of the messuages to be removed near the north gate of the city of Durham.

Inquisitio de valore messuagiorum amotorum juxta portam Borealem Dunelmi.

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Ricardus, permissione divina, Dunolmensis episcopus, dilectis et fidelibus suis Willelmo de Denum et Adæ de Boghes, vel uni eorum, salutem. Mandamus vobis, quod, per sacramentum proborum et legalium hominum de civitate et villa Dunolmi, per quos rei veritas melius sciri poterit, diligenter iniquiratis quantum messuagium Johannis de Pollowe, et messuagium domini Willelmi, personæ ecclesiæ de Nort Bailly et aliorum quorumcunque, juxta portam borealem sita, quæ amoveri debent pro muro Barbecan dictæ portæ faciendo, valeant per annum in omnibus exitibus, et quantum valent ad vendendum inperpetuum, prout nunc sunt ædificata, et quod damnum et quod nocumentum incurrent ratione amotionis eorundem. Ac inquisitionem inde, distincte et aperte factam, nobis sub sigillis vestris, vel unius vestrum, et sigillis eorum per quos facta fuerit, sine dilatione mittatis, ut nos inde certiorari ulterius fieri faciamus quod de consilio nostro in præmissis fuerit faciendum. Datum apud Auk', xxij°. die Maii, pontificatus nostri anno secundo.

The collation of Robert Tymparon to the prebend of Bedburne in the collegiate church of Aukland.

Collatio præbendæ de Bedburne.

Ricardus, permissione divina, etc., dilecto in Christo clerico nostro, Roberto Tymparon, salutem, gratiam et benedictionem. Honestas vitæ, conversatioque laudabilis, necnon merita probitatis quibus te novimus insigniri, nos excitant et inducunt ut te prosequi debeamus gratia et favore. Hinc est, quod canonicatum et præbendam de Bedburne, in ecclesia collegiata de Aukland', vacantes, et ad nostram collationem pleno jure spectantes, cum suis juribus et pertinentiis universis, tibi conferimus, intuitu caritatis, teque per annulum nostrum investimus præsentialiter de eisdem. In cujus rei testimonium, præsentes literas tibi fieri, et nostro sigillo fecimus communiri. Datum apud Aukland', xxiij°. die Maii, anno Domini M^mo^.ccc°. xiij°. et pontificatus nostri secundo.

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Litera missa episcopo Sancti Andreæ pro treuga et pace reformandis.

A.D. 1313. Letter from the bishop of Durham to the bishop of St. Andrew's, thanking him for past kindnesses and for his endeavours to effect peace, and asking him to meet the ambassadors of the pope and the king of France on the border of Scotland, near Berwick.

Reverendo in Christo patri, domino Willelmo, Dei gratia, episcopo Sancti Andreæ, suus Ricardus, permissione divina, Dunolmensis episcopus, salutem, et fraterni fœderis continuum incrementum, cum felicium abundantia gaudiorum. De universis honoribus gratuitis donariis, ac beneficiis, quasi numerum et mensuram excedentibus, quæ de vestræ indeficientis gratitudinis vena recepimus, vobis ad quanta sufficimus præcordialissima assurgimus munera gratiarum, vestris exinde beneplacitis volentes perenniter studiis alacribus obligari. Ad huc sævientibus inter Angliæ et Scotiæ regna guerrarum procellis infestissimis hucusque vires apponere, et curis vigilibus excandescere, ac totis præcordiorum desideriis consuevistis affluere, ut, sedatis dissensionum scandalis et scintillis, incolæ earundem quieto statu et pacifice utrobique degerent, ac ea quæ pacem pariant, modestiam nutriant, et utriusque regni incolarum animos uniant et consolident, extinctis odiorum fomitibus, efficaciter procurare; de vestra paternitate non diffidimus, quin in præsenti, cum superiores et potentissimi idem cupiant et affectent, velitis opem et operam promotricem impendere, et circa pacis reformationem præostensam benevolentiam, continuatis affectibus, ferventius exercere. Cum igitur quidam viri, nobiles et discreti, ad tractandum de pace, propter communem utilitatem utriusque regionis, tam per sanctissimum patrem, dominum Clementem, divina providentia, summum pontificem, quam etiam per serenissimum principem, dominum Philippum, Dei gratia, regem Franciæ illustrem, ad partes Scotiæ sint transmissi, et ad confinia regionum dictarum, si ulterius secure nequeant, infra breve venturi; cum quibus etiam apud Aukeland', in nostra diœcesi, die Martis in Rogationibus colloquium habuimus et tractatum; paternitatem vestram omni devotione qua possumus, requirimus, et rogamus, quatenus, cum negotium, propter quod mittuntur,

A.D. 1313. et celeritatem requirit maximam, et in se portendit efficaciam vehementem, adeo prope Marchiam versus partes Berewyci, dictis nunciis occurrendo, dignemini, si placeat, vos transferre, quod, sublato cujuslibet difficultatis obstaculo, vobiscum tractare possint commode, et alia quæ ipsorum exigit destinatio festinatius expedire; quibus etiam ad talem exauditionis gratiam et favoris cordialis promptitudinem curetis admittere, ut exponenda per eosdem et celeriorem habeant exitum, et optatiori effectui mancipentur. Ad quem vero locum propinquum Marchiæ, et quo die, Deo propitio, proponitis declinare, id nobis, quæsumus, vestra dignetur f. 85. reverentia per vestras literas et præsentium bajulum intimare. Vestram celsitudinem conservet Altissimus ad ecclesiæ suæ regimen, et pacis unionem desiderabilem per tempora feliciter successiva. Datum apud Aukeland', xxiij°. die Maii, anno Domini millesimo ccc° tertio decimo, et pontificatus nostri secundo. An. Episc. 2.

Letter from the archbishop of York to the bishop of Durham, reciting a letter from cardinal Arnaldo, who recites the bulls of pope Clement V, in favour of the cardinal.

Pro procuratione cardinalis. Willelmus, permissione divina, Eboracensis archiepiscopus, Angliæ primas, venerabili fratri, domino Ricardo, Dei gratia, Dunolmensi episcopo, salutem et fraternæ caritatis in Domino continuum incrementum. Literas reverendi patris, domini Arnaldi, Dei gratia, tituli Sanctæ Priscæ, presbyteri cardinalis, apostolicæ sedis nuncii, recepimus, tenorem qui sequitur continentes:—Frater Arnaldus, miseratione divina, tituli Sanctæ Priscæ, presbyter cardinalis, apostolicæ sedis nuncius, venerabili in Christo patri, domino . . Dei gratia, archiepiscopo, aut ejus vicariis, seu loca tenentibus salutem in Domino. Noveritis nos literas sanctissimi patris, domini nostri, domini Clementis, divina providentia, papæ, Quinti, recepisse, tenoris et continentiæ infrascriptæ:—Clemens episcopus, servus servorum Dei, dilecto filio Arnaldo, tituli Sanctæ Priscæ, presbytero cardinali, apostolicæ sedis nuncio, salutem et apostolicam benedictionem. Laudanda tuæ

An. Episc. 2. circumspectionis industria, in magnis et arduis probata multotiens, instanter inducit et excitat mentem nostram, ut tibi, utpote diversarum virtutum claritate conspicuo, quæ cordi gerimus secura fiducia committamus. Cum itaque te ad Angliæ et Scotiæ regna, ac Hiberniæ et Walliæ partes, pro urgentibus et arduis negotiis, fiducialiter pridem duxerimus destinandum, ac, ipsorum negotiorum sarcina requirente, ultra propositum moram trahens non modicum longiorem, multis prægraveris expensis, sicut nobis intimare curasti: nos volentes ut, eo facilius, præmissa negotia utiliter prosequi valeas, quominus fueris subductis obstaculis impeditus, et quod prædicta negotia, propter expensarum defectum, nequeant retardari, recipiendi hac vice, tam in præsentia tua, quam in absentia, procurationes a venerabilibus fratribus nostris, archiepiscopis et episcopis, et dilectis filiis, electis, abbatibus, prioribus, decanis, præpositis, archidiaconis, archipresbyteris, et aliis ecclesiarum prælatis, ac ecclesiasticis personis, religiosis et aliis, earumque capitulis et conventibus, exemptis et non exemptis, Cisterciensis, Cluniacensis, Præmonstratensis, Sancti Benedicti et aliorum ordinum, necnon magistris, prioribus, præceptoribus et fratribus, Sancti Johannis Jerosolom', et aliorum quorumcunque hospitalium, sive domorum, regnorum et partium prædictarum, et contradictores per censuram ecclesiasticam, appellatione postposita, compescendi, non obstantibus illa, quam felicis recordationis Gregorius, papa Decimus, prædecessor noster, edidit in Concilio Lugdunensi, ac piæ memoriæ Bonifacii, papæ, Octavi prædecessoris nostri, et qualibet alia sedis apostolicæ, constitutionibus, seu quibuslibet privilegiis vel indulgentiis, quibuscunque personis, locis, vel ordinibus, sub quavis forma verborum ab eadem sede concessis, de quibus, quorumve totis tenoribus, plenam et expressam oporteat in præsentibus fieri mentionem, et per quæ id quomodolibet valeat impediri, liberam tibi concedimus, auctoritate præsentium, facultatem. Datum apud A.D. 1313.

A.D. 1313. Castrum Novum, Avinionensis diœcesis, iij. kal. No- An. Episc. 2.
vembris, pontificatus nostri anno septimo.

Item:—Clemens episcopus, servus servorum Dei, dilecto filio, Arnaldo, tituli Sanctæ Priscæ, presbytero cardinali, apostolicæ sedis nuncio, salutem et apostolicam benedictionem. Laudanda tuæ circumspectionis industria, in magnis et arduis probata multotiens, instanter inducit et excitat mentem nostram, ut tibi, utpote diversarum virtutum claritate conspicuo, quæ cordi gerimus secura fiducia committamus. Cum itaque te ad Angliæ et Scotiæ regna, ac Hiberniæ et Walliæ partes, pro urgentibus et arduis negotiis, fiducialiter pridem duxerimus destinandum, ac, ipsorum negotiorum sarcina requirente, ultra propositum moram trahens non modicum longiorem, multis prægraveris expensis, sicut nobis intimare curasti: nos, ne prædicta tibi commissa negotia, propter defectum expensarum, valeant retardari, tuque negotia eadem eo liberius exequi possis, quo majori fueris auctoritate munitus, tibi compellendi quoslibet prælatos, cujuscunque præeminentiæ vel dignitatis extiterint, necnon regulares Cisterciensis, Præmonstratensis, Cluniacensis et aliorum ordinum, magistros quoque, priores, præceptores, et fratres Sancti Johannis Jerosol' et aliorum quorumcunque hospitalium sive domorum, et alias personas ecclesiasticas, cathedralium et aliarum ecclesiarum, sive monasteriorum, exemptorum et non exemptorum, per censuram ecclesiasticam, ad contribuendum in procurationibus tibi debitis, non obstantibus quibuscunque privilegiis et indulgentiis apostolicis, per quæ in hac parte possent quomodolibet se tueri, et de quibus, quorumve totis tenoribus, de verbo ad verbum deberet fieri nostris literis mentio specialis, plenam, auctoritate præsentium, con-
f. 85 b. cedimus facultatem. Datum apud Castrum Novum, Avinionensis diœcesis, iij. kal. Novembris pontificatus nostri anno septimo. Quocirca, auctoritate apostolica nobis in hac parte commissa, petendi, exigendi, et recipiendi cum necessariis et moderatis expensis, per vos vel alium, seu

An. Episc. 2. alios, nomine procurationum nostrum, duodecim marcas sterlingorum a singulis episcopis, electis, abbatibus, prioribus, decanis, præpositis, archidiaconis, et archipresbyteris, et aliis ecclesiarum et monasteriorum prælatis, sive rectoribus, eorumque capitulis et conventibus, Cisterciensis, Cluniacensis, Præmonstratensis, Sancti Benedicti, et aliorum, ordinum, necnon a singulis magistris et præceptoribus domorum Hospitalium Sancti Johannis Jerosol', et aliorum quorumcunque hospitalium, sive domorum, rectoribus, cæterisque locis, clericis, et personis ecclesiasticis, regularibus et sæcularibus, exemptis et non exemptis, vestræ provinciæ, civitatis et diœcesis, Eboracensium, prout in ipsis literis apostolicis plenius continetur, discretioni vestræ, de qua in hac parte confidimus, plenam et liberam committimus, tenore præsentium, potestatem; mandantes nihilominus vobis ut in consimili quantitate xij. marcarum pro vobis, nobis, vel procuratoribus nostris, vel alteri eorum, nostro nomine, pro procurationibus hujusmodi respondere curetis. Quod si forte ex locis, monasteriis, personis ecclesiasticis, supradictis, aliqua fuerint, quorum fructus, redditus, proventus, et obventiones, sic tenues et exiles esse noscantur, quod ad prædictam quantitatem integre persolvendam non sufficiant, ut prædictum est, per seipsum, a singulis talium prædictorum exigatis tres denarios pro marca, de omnibus et singulis proventibus suis secundum taxationem decimæ incurrentis.—Nos vero exnunc universos et singulos episcopos, in prædicta vestra Eboracensi provincia constitutos, necnon universos et singulos prælatos, clericos, cæterasque personas ecclesiasticas, regulares et sæculares, prædictos, exemptos et non exemptos ejusdem civitatis, diœcesis, et provinciæ, monemus peremptorie, ipsosque episcopos quibus, ob reverentiam pontificalis officii deferre volumus in hac parte, si (legitima per vos, vel alios, monitione præmissa, quam, receptis præsentibus, absque moræ dispendio, faciatis infra xx. dierum spatium, quod eis, et eorum singulis, volumus pro peremptorio termino A.D. 1313.

A.D. 1313. assignari,) non satisfecerint de prædictis, ingressum ecclesiæ interdicimus in hiis scriptis; quam si per sex dies sustinuerint, suspensionis ab officio, quam si per sex alios dies extunc immediate sequentes sustinuerint, in eos et eorum singulos, et in vos, vicarium, seu loca tenentem, ac in universos et singulos prælatos et clericos superius nominatos, de civitate, diœcesi, et provincia supradicta, et in contradictores quoslibet, et rebelles fraudem seu dolum etiam committentes et remissos, seu negligentes in præmissis, aut aliquo præmissorum, si, canonica monitione præmissa, infra prædictum terminum non satisfecerint, in hiis scriptis excommunicationis, et in singulas eorum ecclesias interdicti, sententias promulgamus; quarum sententiarum denunciationem et publicationem vobis duximus, tenore præsentium, committendas: volentes et mandantes quod exactam per vos pecuniam, procurationum hujusmodi nostro nomine, conservetis, procuratori, seu procuratoribus nostris, vel substituto, aut substitutis, vel substituendo, aut substituendis, ab eis, vel eorum altero, cum ab eis, vel eorum altero, requisiti fueritis, sine difficultate qualibet integre persolvendam. Porro, urgente nos hujusmodi acceleratione negotii, ex nunc peremptorie vos monemus, etsi præmissa neglexeritis, vel contempseritis, adimplere, vel si dictas xij. marcas pro vobis, per eosdem procuratores requisiti, ut præmittitur, solvere neglexeritis, aut per vos vel alios, quocunque colore quæsito, præmissorum occasione, receperitis ultra præmissa, præfatis sententiis, contra episcopos eosdem, ut præmittitur, latis, per ordinem, in hiis scriptis vos etiam innodamus. Illos etiam quibus hoc duxeritis committendum, contrarium facientes, canonica monitione præmissa, excommunicationis sententiæ, quam in eos taliter facientes in hiis scriptis ferimus, volumus similiter subjicere. Nostræ tamen intentionis existit quod a Dei et leprosorum domibus, et monasteriis monialium pauperum, a quibus, ratione procurationis, nihil exigi consuevit, ac personis ecclesiasticis, quarum fructus et An. Episc. 2.

An. Episc. 2. redditus ecclesiastici summam sex marcarum sterlingorum, juxta prædictam taxationem decimæ, non excedunt, aliquid nullatenus exigatur. Prædicta autem ordinari fecimus et mandavimus, pro eo, quia, consideratis præsentis temporis oneribus expensarum, ratione majoris caristiæ quam aliis temporibus retroactis fuerit, et attentis aliis quæ in talibus attendi possunt et debent, consilioque super hiis cum expertis et providis habito, decrevimus procurationes nobis concessas pro uno anno sicut præmittitur fore levandas. Cæterum scire vos volumus, quod præsentes literas fecimus registrari, et de præsentatione ipsarum, nuncio nostro jurato, latori earum, adhibemus plenam fidem. Super præmissis autem sic fideliter gerere vos velitis, quod nec inferiores ipsi de vobis conquerendi, neque nos contra vos super hiis inquirendi, materiam habeamus. In quorum omnium testimonium, præsentes literas, sive processum exinde, fieri fecimus, et sigilli nostri appensione muniri. Datum Londoniis, vj. id. Aprilis, anno Domini millesimo ccc. tertio decimo, Indictione undecima, pontificatus ejusdem domini Clementis, papæ, Quinti, anno octavo.— Volentes itaque mandata patris prædicti diligenter exequi, ut tenemur, vobis literas hujusmodi, omnemque processum in eis contentum, insinuavimus et notificamus; vobis nihilominus ad colligendum et conservandum in vestra diœcesi procurationes hujusmodi, et ad exequendum omnia et singula quæ in præfatis literis continentur, vices nostras, tenore præsentium, committentes. Vestra valeat fraternitas reverenda per tempora feliciter successiva. Datum apud Willton', xv. kal. Junii, anno Domini millesimo ccc^mo. xiij°. et pontificatus nostri octavo. A.D. 1313. f. 86.

Literæ testimoniales pro Ricardo de Derlington'.

Certificate that John de Saundon, deceased, had a son John, who was his heir

Universis sanctæ matris ecclesiæ filiis, ad quorum notitiam pervenerit hæc scriptura, Ricardus, permissione divina, Dunelmensis episcopus, salutem in Domino. Ipsorum

A.D. 1313. and in the custody of his mother, who had married Richard de Akley.

jura tueri et defendere, quibus veritas suffragatur per testimonium laudabile piissimum reputantes, omnium et singulorum notitiæ, quorum interest, vel interesse poterit, per hanc scripturam volumus pervenire, quod Johannes de Saundon' quondam erat burgensis de Derlington', et serviens Johannis de Tounewell', et ballivus tunc domini . . . episcopi Dunelmensis; qui, cum in fata decederet, juxta testimonium fidedignorum nostrarum partium, quemdam habuit filium, nomine "Johannem," verum hæredem de omnibus terris et tenementis quæ ipsius erant, dum vixerat, ubicunque; cujus hæredis matrem quidam Ricardus de Akley, burgenis de Derlington', in uxorem duxit, ipsius hæredis curam habens, et custodiam, in partibus nostris notorie conversando. In cujus rei testimonium, sigillum nostrum præsentibus est appensum. Datum apud Aukland', xxiij°. die Maii, anno Domini M°.ccc^mo. tertiodecimo, et pontificatus nostri secundo. An. Episc. 2.

Certificate that William, son of John le Lorimer, of Aukeland was born without a left ear, and had not lost it for crime.

Literæ testimoniales pro Willelmo le Lorimer.

Universis sanctæ matris ecclesiæ filiis, ad quorum notitiam pervenerit hæc scriptura, Ricardus, permissione divina, Dunolmensis episcopus, salutem in Domino. Deo fore reputantes acceptum et placidum, ac rationi consonum et conveniens, quotienscunque perhibetur testimonium veritati, ad universitatem vestram, tenore præsentium, volumus pervenire, quod, sicut fidedignorum quamplurimorum de Aukeland relatu accepimus, Willelmus, filius Johannis le Lorimer de Aukeland', in eadem villa traxit originem, aure sinistra privatus; et ibidem ab infantia extitit conversatus, nulla suspicione mali, aut crimine, aliquo tempore irretitus, de quo quidem Johanne, quia sine sinistra auricula taliter nascebatur, in partibus ignotis nonnulli poterunt mala de eo forsitan suspicari. Quocirca, vos omnes et singulos attentius exoramus, quatenus eidem, occasione privationis auriculæ, gravamen aut molestiam nullatenus inferatis. In cujus rei

An. Episc. 2. testimonium, dicto Willelmo has nostras literas fieri fecimus patentes, sigilli nostri munimine roboratas. Datum apud Auk'. xxvj°. die Maii, anno Domini etc. [M°. ccc^mo.] xiij°. et pontificatus nostri secundo. A.D. 1313.

Litera pro homagio capiendo.

Richard, par la suffrance de Dieu, evesque de Duresme, a dame Margarete, qui fue la femme sire Robert Haunsard, saluz. Sachez que nous avoms donez poer a nostre foial et loial Monsieur Thomas de Colvill', de prendre vostre foialte por vostre dower, et seurete que vous ne vous marierez mie sancz nostre conge, et nostre volente; par quoi nous vous mandoms, que vostre foialte, et la seurete que apent soloinc la ley, facet a nous en la presence le dit sire Thomas. Et nous certifiez par vostre lettre ou, et quel jour, et devant queles, vous averez faite la foialte et la surete avantdites. Et quant de ceo par vostre lettre overte seroms certifiez, nous feroms assigner a vous vostre dower, soloinc la ley de la terre. En tesmoignance de queles choses, nous avoms faite faire cestes noz lettres overtes. Done a Aukeland', le xxiij. jour de Maij, l'an de nostre sacre secunde.

Notification that Thomas de Colvill is assigned to receive the fealty of Margaret, widow of Sir Robert Haunsard.

Literæ de fidelitate facta.

A touz ceux qui ceste lettre verront et orrunt, Margarete, qui feu la femme sire Robert Haunsard, saluz en Dieu. Sachez moy aver faite mon foialte a sire Richard, par la grace de Dieu, evesque de Duresme, en la ville de Everwyk', en la presence Monsire Thomas de Colevill'; qui pouwer avoit de ma fealte resceivre de par ledit evesque, que jeo ne me marira pas sauncz le conge et la volente le dit Monseigneur evesque: et que jeo loiolment lui feroy les services que appendent as tenementz que assigne me serront a tenir en dower, deinz la franchise de Duresme, tant que le heir le dit Sire Robert Haunsard soit de pleyn age. Et ceste foialte fesoi jeo, Margarete, en la presence Mestre Robert de Pykering' deen de la mere eglise de

Notification that Margaret, widow of Robert Haunsard, has done fealty to the bishop at York, in the presence of Sir Thomas de Coleville.

A.D. 1313. Everwyk', Sire Esteven' de Mauley, erchedeken de Clive- An. Episc. 2.
land', Sire Johan de Merkingfeld', Mestre Peres de Dene, Mestre Robert de Rypplingham, Nichole Fleming, adon-
f. 86 b. kes mair d'Everwyk'. En tesmoignance de totes les choses susdites, a ceste lettre overte ay mis mon seal, de certifier Monseigneur le dit evesque que jeo lui ay ma foialte faite en la forme susdite. Done a Everwyk', le Dymaigne procheyne devant la Pentecoste, l'an de nostre Seigneur, mile ccc et tresym.

Submission of John de Lisle, rector of Boldon, to the ordinance of the bishop, in relation to the tithes of the parish of Boldon.

Submissio pro magistro Johanne de Insula.

Pateat universis per præsentes, quod, cum inter me, Johannem de Insula, rectorem ecclesiæ de Boldon', et Hugonem de Monte Alto, magistrum Hospitalis de Kypere, super medietate decimæ garbarum, de dominicis domini Dunolmensis episcopi, infra parochiam dictæ meæ ecclesiæ de Boldon', provenientium, de quibus magistri Hospitalis de Kypere, qui fuerunt pro tempore, medietatem dictæ decimæ a tempore cujus contrarii memoria non existit, perceperunt, ut dicitur, et percipere consueverunt, et super jure ac possessione medietatis dictæ decimæ orta esset materia quæstionis: ego, supradictus Johannes ecclesiæ ejusdem nomine, et pro successoribus meis, sponte, pure, libere, et absolute, pro bono pacis, ordinationi venerabilis patris, domini Ricardi, Dei gratia, Dunolmensis episcopi, super dictæ medietatis decima, et ejusdem perceptione, suppono me penitus, et submitto. In cujus rei testimonium, has patentes literas fieri feci, sigilli mei impressione signatas. Datum apud Stoketon', iiij°. die mensis Martii, anno Domini millesimo ccc^mo^. duodecimo.

Submission of Hugh de Montalt, master of the hospital of Kypere to the ordinance of the bishop of Durham,

Submissio pro domino Hugone de Monte Alto, magistro domus de Kypier.

Pateat universis per præsentes, quod, cum inter me, Hugonem de Monte Alto, magistrum Hospitalis de Kypere, et discretum virum magistrum Johannem de Insula, rectorem ecclesiæ de Boldon', super medietate

An. Episc. 2. decimæ garbarum, de dominicis domini Dunolmensis episcopi, infra parochiam de Boldon, provenientium, de quibus magistri Hospitalis de Kypier, qui fuerunt pro tempore, medietatem dictæ decimæ a tempore cujus contrarii memoria non existit, perceperunt et percipere consueverunt, et super jure ac possessione medietatis dictæ decimæ, orta esset materia quæstionis; ego supradictus Hugo, magister dicti hospitalis, ejusdem nomine, et pro successoribus meis, sponte, pure, libere, et absolute, pro bono pacis, ordinationi venerabilis patris, domini Ricardi, Dei gratia, Dunolmensis episcopi, super dictæ medietatis decima, et ejusdem perceptione, suppono me penitus, et submitto. In cujus rei testimonium, has patentes literas fieri feci, sigilli mei impressione signatas. Datum apud Stoketon', iiij°. die mensis Martii, anno Domini millesimo ccc^mo^. duodecimo.

A.D. 1313. concerning the tithes of the parish of Boldon

Compositio inter magistrum Johannem de Insula et dominum Hugonem de Monte Alto.

Præsens indentura tripartita testatur, quod cum inter dompnum Hugonem de Monte Alto, magistrum Hospitalis de Kypier, ex parte una, et discretum virum magistrum Johannem de Insula, rectorem ecclesiæ de Boldon', ex altera, tam super jure quam possessione percipiendi medietatem decimæ garbarum de dominicis episcopi Dunelmensis, infra parochiam dictæ ecclesiæ de Boldon', provenientium, (quam quidem medietatem decimæ tam idem Hugo, ut asseruit, quam prædecessores sui, magistri dicti Hospitalis de Kypier, a tempore cujus contrarii memoria non existit, pacifice perceperunt, et in possessione pacifica percipiendi dictam decimam hactenus extiterunt,) orta esset materia quæstionis, demum dicti Hugo, pro se et dicto hospitali, et magister Johannes, pro se et ecclesia sua prædicta, coram nobis, Ricardo, Dei gratia, Dunelmensi episcopo, v. die Martii, anno Domini M.ccc. duodecimo, in manerio nostro de Stoketon', personaliter comparentes, ac litis amfractus, necnon sumptus, labores, et expensas, evitare

Composition between John de Lisle and Hugh de Montalt concerning the tithes of the parish of Boldon.

A.D. 1313. volentes, se, sponte, pure, et absolute, pro se et succes- An. Episc. 2.
soribus suis super præmissis medietate decimæ, et ejusdem perceptione, ordinationi nostræ supposuerunt et submiserunt; unde nos, hujusmodi suppositionem et submissionem, pro bono pacis, auctoritate ordinaria, de expresso consensu eorundem, admittentes, tamque dictis hospitali quam ecclesiæ prospicere volentes, in hac parte, ordinamus, quod dictus Hugo et magistri hospitalis supradicti, et sui successores, qui pro tempore fuerint inperpetuum, medietatem decimæ garbarum provenientium de dominicis episcopi Dunelmensis, infra parochiam dictæ ecclesiæ de Boldon', de quibus hactenus magistri præfati hospitalis medietatem supradictæ decimæ perceperunt, et percipere consueverunt, libere et integre percipiant in futurum, modo usque nunc usitato. Quodque dictus Hugo et successores sui, qui pro tempore fuerint, reddant et solvant annuatim inperpetuum eidem ecclesiæ de Boldon', in festo Sancti Andreæ Apostoli, duas libras ceræ, in luminare ejusdem ecclesiæ, secundum dispositionem rectoris ejusdem, convertendas. Et ad hujusmodi ordinationem nostram inviolabiliter et inperpetuum observandum, in forma suprascripta, præfatos Hugonem et Johannem personaliter et in eorundem personis successores suos, supradicta nostra auctoritate ordinaria, condemnavimus, et condemnamus in hiis scriptis. In cujus rei testimonium, hanc scripturam tripartitam fieri fecimus. Et parti remanenti penes dictum magistrum Johannem, sigillum nostrum, et sigillum dicti dompni Hugonis, pro se et successoribus suis; parti vero remanenti penes dictum dompnum Hugonem, sigillum nostrum ac sigillum dicti magistri Johannis, pro se et successoribus suis; et parti remanenti penes nos, dictorum magistri Johannis et dompni Hugonis sigilla ad perpetuam rei memoriam, sunt appensa. Datum apud Stoketon', v°. die Martii, anno Domini supradicto, et pontificatus nostri secundo.

An. Episc. 2. Obligatio Ricardi de Hoton' perpetui vicarii ecclesiæ de Akeley, facta Johanni de Horton' de annua pensione.

A.D. 1313. f. 87. Bond of Richard de Hoton, vicar of Akeley, granting an annual pension to John de Horton, formerly vicar of the same church.

Tenore præsentium pateat universis quod ego Ricardus de Hoton', perpetuus vicarius ecclesiæ de Akley, fateor me teneri et efficaciter obligari domino Johanni de Horton', quondam vicario ejusdem, ex injuncto et mandato venerabilis patris domini Ricardi, Dei gratia, Dunolmensis episcopi, ad sustentationem ipsius domini Johannis in quadam annua pensione centum et quatuor solidorum argenti, solvendorum eidem vel suo certo attornato ad quatuor anni terminos; videlicet, ad festa Sancti Martini, Sancti Cuthberti in Martio, Pentecostes, et Sancti Cuthberti in Septembri apud Akeley per æquales portiones. Ad cujus pecuniæ solutionem, obligo me et vicariam meam prædictam voluntati et coercioni domini Dunolmensis episcopi, ut me ad observationem dictæ annuæ pensionis possit compellere per quamcunque voluerit censuram ecclesiasticam seu mundanam. In cujus rei testimonium sigillum meum præsentibus est appensum. Datum apud Aukeland, iij°. die Maii, anno Domini millesimo trecentesimo tertio decimo.

Resignatio Geraldi de Aldenardo.

Resignation of a prebend in the church of Norton by Gerald de Aldenardo.

In nomine Domini, Amen. Pateat universis per præsentes, quod ego Geraldus de Aldenardo, canonicus et præbendarius in ecclesia Beatæ Mariæ de Norton', Dunelmensis diœcesis, canonicatum et præbendam prædictas, ex certis causis, in sacras manus venerabilis in Christo patris, domini Ricardi, Dei gratia, Dunelmensis episcopi, loci diœcesani, et cujuscunque alterius personæ habentis potestatem hujusmodi resignationem admittendi, pure, sponte, et absolute, resigno, ac omnium juri mihi, in canonicatu et præbenda prædictis, qualitercunque competenti, seu inposterum competituro, palam et expresse renuncio per præsentes. In quorum omnium testimonium, præsentes literas scribi, et publicari, feci per notarium infrascriptum, et mei sigilli appensione muniri. Actum et datum Londoniis, in ecclesia Sancti Pauli, anno Do-

A.D. 1313. minicæ Incarnationis M.ccc. tertio decimo, Indictione undecima, mensis Aprilis die decimo. Præsentibus, domino Johanne de Tendringg', clerico, et Ricardo de Ulseby, notario publico, testibus ad præmissa vocatis, et rogatis, Et ego, Willelmus, filius Willelmi, dicti le Dorcurere de Seleburn', Wyntoniensis diœcesis, sacrosanctæ Romanæ ecclesiæ et sacri imperii, ac almæ urbis præfectoriæ dignitatis publicus auctoritate notarius, resignationi et renunciationi suprascriptis præsens, interfui, et eas, ut præmittitur, fieri vidi, et audivi, ipsasque scripsi et publicavi rogatus; dictusque dominus Garardus [1] præsenti instrumento sigillum suum apposuit. An. Episc. .

Collation of John, son of John Vanne, citizen of London, to the prebend in the church of Norton, lately resigned by Gerald de Aldinardo.

Collatio præbendæ de ejusdem.

Ricardus, permissione divina, Dunelmensis episcopus, dilecto clerico magistro Johanni, filio Johannis Vanne, civis Londoniensis, salutem, gratiam et benedictionem. Merita devotionis literarum peritia, morum et vitæ tuæ laudabilis conversatio, nos inducunt, ut personam tuam prosequi debeamus gratia et favore. Hinc est, quod canonicatum et præbendam in ecclesia collegiata de Norton, nostræ diœcesis, quos magister Geraldus de Aldinardo nuper habuit in eadem, per liberam resignationem ejusdem vacantes, et ad nostram collationem pleno jure spectantes, cum suis juribus et pertinentiis universis, tibi conferimus, intuitu caritatis, et te de eisdem per præsentes literas investimus. In cujus rei testimonium, præsentes literas tibi fieri, et nostro sigillo fecimus communiri. Datum apud Aukland', ij°. die Junii, anno Domini etc. [M°.ccc°.] xiij., et pontificatus nostri tertio.

Memorandum of the mandate to induct the above-mentioned person into the said prebend.

Memorandum.—

Quod eodem die mandatum fuit domino archidiacono Dunelmensi, vel ejus officiali, quod eum induceret in corporalem possessionem, vel procuratorem [suum] ejus nomine, dictorum canonicatus et præbendæ, et defenderet inductum; stallum sibi in choro, et locum in capitulo, prout convenit, assignans.

[1] Sic in MS.

An. Episc. 8.

Litera testimonialis super statu miserabili monialium de Halistan.'

Christi. fidelibus universis præsentes literas inspecturis, Ricardus, permissione divina, Dunolmensis episcopus, salutem in Domino. Anxiæ petitionis instantia, et status miserabilis monialium del Halystan', nostri debitum implorat officii, ut earum luctuosis oppressionibus et variis turbationibus debeamus testimonium perhibere; propter quod, ad universitatis vestræ notitiam volumus pervenire, quod domus dictarum monialium, in partibus Marchiæ Angliæ et Scotiæ situata, per hostiles incursus, qui in Marchia quotidianis et continuatis vicibus invalescunt, mobilibus et se moventibus frequentius spoliatur, ipsæque moniales multotiens a prædonibus impetuntur, injuriis [et] prosecutionibus affliguntur, et, a propriis fugatæ laribus, et ejectæ, pœnas coguntur amaras miserabiliter experiri; quod utique vobis innotescimus, ut super multiplicis egestatis ipsarum molestia, quam memoria præteritæ felicitatis adaugeat, pio compatientes affectu, circa eas vestra benignitas influat exubere gratia, et pietas augeatur, ne, in status ipsarum opprobrium, cogantur publice mendicare. Datum apud Middelham, sexto die Junii, etc.

A.D. 1313. Letters testimonial as to the miserable state of the nunnery of Halistan by reason of the hostile incursions of the Scots

Inquisitio de defectibus domorum et ornamentorum ecclesiæ de Leek.' Quære responsum . . . . rius infra vij. folio, sub hoc signo.

Ricardus, permissione divina, Dunolmensis episcopus, dilecto filio, domino Roberto de Brompton', custodi spiritualitatis nostræ de Alvertonshire, salutem, gratiam, et benedictionem. Meminimus nos dudum vobis dedisse nostris literis in mandatis, quod, super defectibus ornamentorum [et] ædificiorum ecclesiæ de Leek', dictæ jurisdictionis nostræ et aliorum pertinentium ad eandem, inquisita plenius veritate nobis quid per inquisitionem inveniretis eandem, constare dilucide faceretis. Magister tamen Henricus frater vester locum vestrum tenens, vobis absentibus quibusdam testibus, qui super hiis noverunt melius

f. 87 b. Order for a corrected inquisition to be made relative to the defects of the edifices and ornaments belonging to the church of Leek.

A.D. 1313. veritatem, postquam de veritate dicenda juraverint, repulsis et exclusis, per alios non juratos, sed, juramento sibi remisso, nulla citatione præcedente, omissa etiam inquisitione defectuum librorum et ornamentorum ipsius ecclesiæ, minus plene, in juris injuriam, ut accepimus, inquisivit. Volentes igitur per vos super hiis certiorari ad plenum, vobis mandamus, firmiter injungentes, quatenus vocatis prius ad hoc tam executoribus domini Willelmi de Bliburgh', dudum rectoris ejusdem, defuncti, quam domino Willelmo de Handloe, nunc rectore ejusdem, et aliis, si qui sint, qui fuerint evocandi, vos ipsi, in propria persona vestra, associato vobis aliquo perito, neutri parti suspecto, per viros fidedignos de vicinio ejusdem loci, clericos et laicos, juratos, per quos rei veritas melius sciri poterit, et inquiri, super præmissis omnibus, videlicet; qui defectus imminebant tempore quo idem dominus Willelmus de Bliburgh' ecclesiam recepit eandem, et qui imminent in præsenti, et de quanto quilibet defectus poterit reparari; an idem dominus Willelmus aliquid recepit de aliquo prædecessore suo, pro defectibus hujusmodi aliquo tempore imminentibus reparandis; quid et quantum; et quantum apposuit in eisdem; et de cæteris omnibus circumstantiis opportunis, plenam veritatem diligentiu inquiratis. Et quid inde inveneritis, nobis quam citius constare dilucide faciatis, per vestras patentes literas harum seriem continentes. Datum apud Middelham, xj. die Junii, pontificatus nostri anno tertio. An. Episc. 3.

Institution of William de Ayremynne into the church of Whiteberne.

Institutio ecclesiæ de Whiteberne.

Ricardus, permissione divina, Dunelmensis episcopus, discreto viro, domino Willelmo de Ayremynne, clerico, salutem, gratiam et benedictionem. Ad ecclesiam de Whitebern, nostræ diœcesis, vacantem, et ad præsentationem serenissimi principis domini, nostri, domini Edwardi, Dei gratia, regis Angliæ illustris, ratione episcopatus Dunelmensis nuper vacantis, et in manu sua existentis, spectantem,

An. Episc 3. ad quam per eundem dominum nostrum regem legitime præsentatus existis, te admittimus, et rectorem instituimus canonice in eadem. In cujus rei testimonium præsentes literas tibi fieri, et nostro sigillo fecimus communiri. Datum apud Middelham, xiij°. die Junii, anno Domini millesimo ccc^mo.xiij°., et pontificatus nostri tertio. A.D. 1313.

Memorandum quod,— Willelmum vice nostra.

Eodem die mandatum fuit archidiacono Dunolmensi, vel ejus officiali, quod eundem induceret, et inductum defenderet debite, Memorandum as to the induction of the above-named William de Ayremynne.

Petitio licentiæ eligendi priorem.

Venerabili in Christo, patri et domino suo semper reverendo, domino Ricardo, Dei gratia, episcopo Dunolmensi, et patrono suo, sui devoti filii, G. subprior monasterii Dunolmensis, et ejusdem loci conventus, salutem, obedientiam, reverentiam omnimodam, et honorem, tam debitos quam devotos. Quia monasterium nostrum prædictum, per liberam cessionem domini Willelmi, nuper prioris nostri vacat ad præsens, ne dictum monasterium, per diutinam vacationem ejusdem, in spiritualibus et temporalibus detrimentum incurrat, ut alium loco dicti domini Willelmi in priorem subrogemus per legitimam electionem, a vobis licentiam postulamus; ad quod etiam postulandum et prosequendum ulterius coram vobis, dilectos confratres et commonachos nostros, dominum Willelmum de Gretham, priorem de Coldingham, et Robertum de Boghes, quos nostros facimus procuratores in hac parte, ad vestram paternitatem duximus destinandos; supplicantes humiliter et devote quatenus licentiam hujusmodi nobis concedere dignetur vestra dominatio reverenda. In cujus rei testimonium, sigillum commune capituli nostri præsentibus duximus apponendum. Datum Dunolmi, in capitulo nostro, xviij°. kal. Julii, anno Domini millesimo ccc^mo.xiij°. Petition of the subprior and convent of Durham to elect a prior on the resignation of William de Tanefeld, their late prior.

A.D. 1313. The bishop's licence to elect a prior of the monastery of Durham on the resignation of prior William [de Tanefeld].

Licentia eligendi priorem.

Ricardus, permissione divina, Dunolmensis episcopus, dilectis filiis . . . subpriori et capitulo monasterii Dunolmensis, salutem, gratiam et benedictionem. Accedentes ad nos dilecti filii, fratres, Willelmus de Gretham, prior de Coldingham, et Robertus de Boghes, commonachi vestri, cum literis patentibus vestri capituli, nobis, ex parte vestra humiliter supplicarunt, quod cum monasterium vestrum prædictum per liberam cessionem domini Willelmi, nuper prioris ejusdem, vacet in præsenti, alium eligendi, loco suo, in priorem vobis licentiam concedere dignaremur. Nos igitur, precibus vestris inclinati favorabiliter in hac parte, vobis licentiam illam duximus concedendam, mandantes, et in Domino exhortantes, quod talem eligatis, qui Deo devotus, regimini dicti monasterii necessarius, nobisque, et ecclesiæ nostræ Dunolmensi, existat utilis et fidelis. In cujus rei testimonium, has literas nostras fieri fecimus patentes, sigilli nostri munimine roboratas. Datum apud Middelham, xv. die Junii, anno Domini millesimo ccc°. tertio decimo, et pontificatus nostri tertio. An. Episc. 3.

Mandate to the convent of Durham to admit William de Kellawe to the custody of the priory during the vacancy of the same.

Suppriori et conventui Dunolmensibus, quod admittant custodem tempore vacationis.

Ricardus, permissione divina, Dunolmensis episcopus, dilectis filiis, subpriori et conventui monasterii Dunolmensis, salutem, gratiam, et benedictionem. Quia, vacante jam monasterio prædicto, per liberam et spontaneam cessionem domini Willelmi de Tanefeld', nuper prioris ejusdem, legitime coram nobis factam, dilectum nobis in Christo, magistrum Willelmum de Kellawe, in cujus fidelitate et circumspectione fiduciam plenius obtinemus, assignamus, loco nostro, ad recipiendum custodiam dicti monasterii, nomine nostro, et retinendum, durante vacatione hujusmodi, ac faciendum [ea quæ] temporibus prædecessorum nostrum in vacationibus hujusmodi rationabiliter fieri consueverunt, ac
f. 88. prout in literis nostris, inde vobis factis, plenius con-

An. Episc. 3. tinetur, ita quod formam in ipsis literis contentam in aliquo non excedat; vobis mandamus, quatenus præfatum magistrum Willelmum ad præmissa in forma prædicta nostro nomine admittatis. Bene valete. Datum, etc. A.D. 1313.

Commissio pro custodia tenenda in prioratu Dunolmensi, tempore vacationis.

Mandate to William de Kellawe to hold the custody of the priory of Durham during its vacancy.

Ricardus, permissione divina, Dunolmensis episcopus, dilecto in Christo filio magistro Willelmo de Kellawe, salutem, etc. De tua fidelitate et circumspectione plenam in Domino fiduciam obtinentes, te custodem monasterii Dunolmensis, jam vacantis, per liberam cessionem domini Willelmi, nuper prioris ejusdem, tenore præsentium, assignamus, ad faciendum nostro nomine in eodem, durante vacatione hujusmodi, quæ per custodes, per prædecessores nostros in vacationibus hujusmodi deputatos, antiquitus fieri consueverunt, et prout in literis nostris, . . . priori et conventui monasterii prædicti inde factis plenius continetur; proviso quod formam in dictis literis nostris contentam circa custodiam hujusmodi in aliquo non excedas. Datum apud Middelham, xiij°. die Junii, anno Domini millesimo trecentesimo tertio decimo et pontificatus nostri tertio.

Concordia inter dominum Willelmum de Ayremynne et procuratorem domini Beraudi de Fargis, super ecclesia de Wyteberne.

Agreement of William de Ayremynne and the proctor of Berald de Fargis relative to the church of Wyteberne.

In nomine Domini, Amen. Per præsens publicum instrumentum omnibus evidenter innotescat, quod anno Domini millesimo ccc. tertio decimo, Indictione undecima, secundum cursum ecclesiæ Anglicanæ, die sexta decima mensis Maii, habito tractatu in ecclesia Sancti Pauli, London', in mei, notarii publici infrascripti, et testium subscriptorum, præsentia, pro bono pacis habendæ, occasione ecclesiæ de Whytebern', Dunolmensis diœcesis, inter reverendum virum, dominum Willelmum de Ayremynne, clericum, asserentem se ad ecclesiam de Whyteberne prædictam, per excellentissimum principem dominum Edwardum, Dei gratia, regem Angliæ illustrem, ratione vacationis sedis episcopalis Dunolmensis, et temporalitatis

A.D. 1313. sedis prædictæ in manu dicti domini regis existentis, An. Episc. 3.
fuisse præsentatum, ex parte una, et dominum Ademarum de Virsaco, presbyterum, procuratorem principalem discreti viri, domini Beraudi de Fargis, canonici ecclesiarum Laudunensis et Agenensis; cujus procuratorium, sibi a dicto domino Beraudo factum, et sigillo venerabilis patris, domini Reymundy, miseratione divina, Sanctæ Mariæ Novæ diaconi cardinalis, ut prima facie apparebat, et signo Bernardy de Podio, Petragoricensis diœcesis, almæ urbis præfecti, auctoritate notarii publici signatum, vidi et inspexi ego notarius infrascriptus, ex altera; ita convenit inter ipsas partes. Quod idem Ademarus, procurator, ut præmittitur, dicti Beraudi voluit, et placuit sibi, quod dictus dominus Willelmus possessionem ecclesiæ prædictæ, cum suis pertinentiis, ratione præsentationis prædictæ, nanciscatur, et postmodum ejusdem possessione gaudeat, et utatur. Juravit etiam idem procurator, ad Sancta Dei Evangelia, tacto libro, se nunquam præfato Willelmo, aut ejus procuratori, super assecutione possessionis ecclesiæ prædictæ, et ejus pertinentium, seu pacifica retentione earundem impedimentum aliquod, seu inquietationem vel molestiam, illaturum, per se, seu per alios, quoquomodo; nec provocationes seu appellationes alias, per ipsum super dicto negotio interpositas, prosecuturum; sed quod ipse pro dicto domino Willelmo, (videlicet, quod, occasione prosecutionis negotii prædicti, seu admissionis possessionis ecclesiæ prædictæ, aut super retentione ejusdem per prædictum dominum suum, dominum Beraudum, aut per amicos seu parentes suos, vel alios, quorum interesse posset, non molestetur, inquietetur, seu gravetur,) omne bonum, quod poterit, apponet, in verbis et in factis. Consensit etiam idem procurator, quod idem dominus Willelmus omnia bona in manso rectoriæ prædictæ inventa, pro certo pretio inde solvendo, penes se retineat, usibus suis applicanda, et pro suæ libito voluntatis dispositurus de eisdem. Acta sunt hæc, anno, Indictione, die, loco, et mense, supra-

An. Episc. 3. dictis; præsentibus, magistris Reymundo Subirani, juris canonici professore, Philippo de Nassington, Roberto de Norton', et domino Ricardo de Ayrmynne, Gilberto de Eboraco, clericis, Edwardo de Eboraco, publicis notariis, et domino Henrico de Malton', milite, testibus vocatis et rogatis. Et ego, Gilbertus Johannis dicti Hamergold, de Secheford, Norwycensis diœcesis, publicus, sacri Romani imperii auctoritate, notarius, præmissis omnibus et singulis, prout supra dixi, præsens interfui una cum testibus superius nominatis, et omnia prædicta in hanc publicam formam, quam manu mea propria scripsi, redegi, et me cum nomine et solito signo subscripsi, in testimonium præmissorum. Et ego, Edwardus de Eboraco clericus, publicus sacrosanctæ Romanæ ecclesiæ auctoritate notarius, præmissis omnibus et singulis, prout supra scribuntur, una cum magistro Gilberto Johannis dicti Hamergold', de Secheford', Norwycensis diœcesis, notario publico, et testibus suprascriptis, præsens interfui, et ea sic dici et pronunciari per procuratorem superius nominatum vidi et audivi, meoque solito [signo], et nomine, præsens publicum instrumentum signavi, rogatus, et me in testem subscripsi, in majoris testimonium veritatis. A.D. 1313.

Memorandum.— Quod xvij°. die Junii, anno Domino millesimo ccc^mo^. tertio decimo, mandatum fuit cancellario Dunolmensi, quod scriberet vicecomiti pro captione Willelmi Aspore de Corneford'. Memorandum of a mandate to the chancellor of Durham to write to the sheriff for the capture of William Aspore of Corneford.

Memorandum.— Quod xv°. die Julii, anno Domini M^mo^.ccc°.xiij°. concessit dominus xl. dies veniæ pro anima Thomæ de Ingowe, et pro animabus omnium fidelium, etc. Indulgence of 40 days for the soul of Thomas Ingowe.

Submissio prioris et conventus ecclesiæ Dunolmensis. Venerabili in Christo, patri et domino, domino Ricardo, Dei gratia, Dunelmensi episcopo, devoti filii, Willelmus, prior monasterii Dunelmensis, et ejusdem loci con- f. 88 b. Submission of the prior and convent of Durham to the bishop.

A.D. 1313. ventus, salutem cum debitis et devotis obedientia, reve- An. Episc 3
rentia et honore. In omnibus negotiis et ordinationibus monasterium Dunolmense, et ipsius prioratum tangentibus, de quibus hac instanti die Mercurii, proxima post festum Sanctæ Trinitatis ultimo elapsum, coram vestra reverenda præsentia, apud Middelham in vestra diœcesi, tractabitur, ordinabitur, seu etiam statuetur, et ad simul tractandum, ordinandum et statuendum, una vobiscum et vestro consilio, ac ad submittendum nos et monasterium nostrum, cellas et loca nostra, et se, nostro nomine, vestræ ordinationi, alte et basse, necnon ad consentiendum tractatibus, ordinatis et statutis, et ad omnia alia et singula faciendum et exercendum quæ ad honorem et commodum dicti monasterii nostri fuerint opportuna, dilectos confratres et commonachos nostros, dominos Galfridum Burdun, subpriorem, Thomam de Aldewod, Willelmum de Gisburn', et Thomam de Hessewell', nostros procuratores, negotiorum gestores, et nuncios speciales, facimus, ordinamus, et constituimus, per hæc scripta, ratum habituri, et firmum, quicquid vos et dicti confratres et commonachi, nostro nomine, in præmissis duxeritis et duxerint faciendum. In cujus rei testimonium, sigillum commune capituli nostri præsentibus est appensum. Datum in capitulo nostro, xij°. die mensis Junii, anno Domini millesimo trecentesimo decimo tertio.

Submission of the proctors of the prior and convent of Durham.

Submissio procuratorum. Coram vobis, venerabili in Christo patre et domino, domino Ricardo, Dei gratia, Dunelmensi episcopo, nos, Galfridus Burdon', subprior, Thomas de Aldewod', Willelmus de Gisburn' et Thomas de Hessewell', monachi monasterii Dunelmensis, et procuratores domini Willelmi, prioris, et conventus loci ejusdem personaliter constituti, habentes potestatem a præfatis priore et conventu submittendi ipsos, et nos, suo nomine, monasterium prædictum, cellas et loca ejusdem, vestræ ordinationi, in tractatibus et

An. Episc. 3. negotiis monasterium prædictum tangentibus, quæ pro statu et commodo dicti monasterii fuerint opportuna, et ad consentiendum vestræ ordinationi, in hac parte, prout in procuratorio, nobis inde facto, plenius continetur, nos, Galfridus, Thomas, Willelmus et Thomas prædicti, dictos priorem et conventum, monasterium prædictum, cellas et loca ad ipsum pertinentia, et nos, suo, ac nostro proprio, nomine, vestræ ordinationi alte et basse submittimus in præmissis, et ex nunc ordinationi vestræ hujusmodi consentimus, promittentes dictos dominos nostros et quemlibet de conventu, ac nos, et quemlibet nostrum, quicquid per vos ordinatum fuerit, in hac parte, velle et debere in omnibus et singulis acceptare, et fideliter observare, et in nullo contravenire qualitercunque, tacite vel expresse. In cujus rei testimonium, sigilla nostra præsentibus sunt appensa; et quia sigilla nostra plerisque sunt incognita, sigillum officialitatis Dunelmensis præsentibus apponi procuravimus, ad majorem evidentiam præmissorum. Datum apud Midelham, die Mercurii proxima post festum Sanctæ Trinitatis, anno Domini millesimo trecentesimo tertio decimo. A.D. 1313.

Resignatio et cessio Willelmi, prioris Dunelmensis.

Resignation and cession of William, prior of Durham.

Reverendo in Christo patri, et domino suo, domino Ricardo, Dei gratia, Dunelmensi episcopo, suus devotus filius, Willelmus prior monasterii Dunelmensis, salutem, obedientiam et honorem, tam debitas quam devotas. Quia gravia onera curæ et regiminis dicti monasterii, nobis ratione prioratus ejusdem, incumbentia, propter corporalem imbecillitatem, infirmitate et senio confractam, nequimus in spiritualibus, prout convenit, commode supportare, prioratum ipsum, dignitatem, et officium ejusdem, in sacris vestris manibus resignamus, et eisdem pure et sponte et absolute cedimus per præsentes; humiliter, et cum instantia, supplicantes, quatenus resignationem et cessionem hujusmodi, ex causis prædictis,

A.D. 1313. acceptantes, nos a cura et regimine prædictis vestra dignetur absolvere paternitas reverenda. In cujus rei testimonium, sigillum nostrum præsentibus duximus apponendum. Datum apud Midelham, tertio decimo die mensis Junii, anno Domini millesimo trecentesimo tertio decimo. An. Episc. 3.

Provision for the prior of Durham on his resignation on account of age and infirmities.

Provisio domini Willelmi prioris Dunelmensis.

Omnibus sanctæ matris ecclesiæ filiis, has literas visuris vel audituris, Ricardus, permissione divina, Dunolmensis episcopus, salutem in omnium Salvatore. Vestra noverit universitas, quod, accedentibus ad nos, apud Middelham, die Mercurii proxima post festum Sanctæ Trinitatis, anno Domini millesimo ccc°. tertio decimo, dilectis filiis, domino Willelmo, priore, et fratribus Galfrido de Burdon', subpriore, Thoma de Aldewode, Willelmo de Giseburn', et Thoma de Hessewell', monachis, et procuratoribus monasterii Dunolmensis, pro reformatione status dicti monasterii in spiritualibus et temporalibus, et se, monasterium prædictum, cellas et loca ejusdem, certis de causis, ordinationi nostræ super hiis submittentibus, prout in submissione hujusmodi plenius continetur; dominus Willelmus, prior prædictus, proponens coram nobis se non posse curæ et regimini dicti
f. 89. monasterii, sibi commissis, commode vacare, nec onera inde sibi incumbentia, prout convenit, subportare, propter corporalem imbecillitatem suam, infirmitate et senio confractam, qua notabiliter est gravatus, curæ, regimini et officio, susceptis, cessit expresse, et ea in manibus nostris pure, sponte et simpliciter, resignavit; devote supplicans ut, resignationem et cessionem hujusmodi acceptantes, ipsum a cura et onere susćepti regiminis absolvere dignaremur. Nos itaque, attendentes statum dicti monasterii, quod in spiritualibus et temporalibus correctione et reformatione indiget, non posse, absque circumspecta industria, vigilanti sollicitudine, magnis et assiduis laboribus, potentis et discreti præsidentis

An. Episc. 3. monasterii memorati prout convenit, respirare; ponderataque ipsius domini Willelmi impotentia ad præmissa, ipsum, ad ejus supplicationem, ab onere curæ et regiminis prædictorum, pro ipsius quiete, et commodo dicti monasterii, duximus absolvendum. Et quia, pensatis ipsius morum et vitæ laudabilis conversatione, devotionis integritate, assiduis laboribus quos in divinis obsequiis, et circa regimen monasterii prædicti, sustinuit indefesse, ac præeminentia status quem in dicto monasterio et alibi habuit, ut est notum, dignum fore credimus, et divinæ pietati acceptum, etiam pro honore dicti monasterii, quod congrua portio de facultatibus dicti monasterii, et locis ad ipsum monasterium spectantibus, pro vitæ suæ necessariis assignetur; ad ipsius igitur sustentationem, cellam de Jarowe, sicut magistri ejusdem loci antiquitus habere consueverunt, cum suis pertinentiis, cum stauro et aliis bonis ejusdem, tam mobilibus, quam se moventibus, et pensionem, seu annuum redditum, decem librarum argenti, qui consuevit solvi monasterio prædicto per magistros, qui pro tempore fuerint, dictæ cellæ, et decimas garbarum de villis de Heworth', superiori et inferiori, auctoritate et potestate nobis in hac parte attributis, de expresso consensu subprioris et conventus monasterii prælibati, ordinamus fore sibi, quoad vixerit, assignanda, et ea sibi ex nunc, tenore præsentium, assignamus; tenendum et habendum sibi suo perpetuo, integraliter, libere et quiete, solvendo inde ad scaccarium dicti monasterii sex marcas sterlingorum, ad festa Sancti Martini et Pentecostes per æquales portiones, sine aliquo alio onere subeundo, vel servitio faciendo inde, priori vel monasterio memorato, vel recipiendo vel procurando aliquem de dicto monasterio, contra voluntatem suam, quacunque consuetudine contraria, obtenta hactenus, non obstante. Et si dictus dominus Willelmus cessaverit in solutione dictarum sex marcarum per octo dies post terminos assignatos, ex tunc liceat bursario A.D. 1313.

A.D. 1313. Dunolmensi levare id quod a retro est de solutione cujuslibet termini, de redditibus et exitibus molendinorum de Jarowe, sine impedimento dicti domini Willelmi, vel suorum; volumus etiam, et ordinamus, quod habeat aisiamenta domorum manerii de Wardeley, ad inhabitandum et morandum ibidem, suis sumptibus, pro suo libito voluntatis, nihil de exitibus manerii recepturus, nisi solverit pro eisdem; et quod habeat focale pro aula et camera sua, tam apud Jarowe quam Wardeley, de bosco de Heworth', et fagotas pro pistrina de bosco cæduo succrescente in le Heghenigh, rationabiliter, per visum forestarii ibidem; de carbonibus pro coquina et bracina, suis sumptibus, sibi faciat provideri. Ordinamus insuper, quod habeat secum unum vel duos monachos de dicto monasterio, pro sua voluntate eligendos, de consensu prioris monasterii memorati: nec teneatur priorem, terrarium, monachos, senescallos, vel alios, de dicto monasterio, recipere suis sumptibus, vel procurare; nec venire ad capitula, congregationes, consilia, vel tractatus, pro negotiis monasterii, contra voluntatem suam, nec ad hoc per priorem; vel, alium præsidentem capitulo, vel quemvis alium, aliqualiter compellatur; nec aliquid aliud, durum vel grave, per priorem, vel suos, eidem injungatur, salva priori monasterii prædicti in excessibus correctione disciplinæ regularis. Ordinamus etiam, quod prædictus dominus Willelmus faciat deservire dictæ cellæ laudabiliter in divinis; videlicet, cum fuerit absens a dicta cella, infra tamen episcopatum, per capellanos sæculares, vel monachos, unum vel plures, prout duxerit eligendos, sed cum contingat eum agere extra episcopatum, saltem per unum monachum dictæ cellæ faciat deserviri: et quod liceat sibi, pro voluntate sua, moram facere in episcopatu, vel extra, sine impedimento vel calumnia prioris Dunolmensis, vel alterius cujuscunque. Et si ad monasterium declinare voluerit, per quinque vel sex dies suis sumptibus moraturus, hostelarius An. Episc. 3.

An. Episc. 3. monasterii sibi faciat decentem cameram assignari. A.D. 1313.
Et prædictus dominus Willelmus prædictam cellam de Jarowe, cum pertinentiis suis, in adeo bono statu dimittet, vel meliori, sicut eam recepit, vi majore per hostiles incursus et casubus fortuitis duntaxat exceptis. Et si contingat, quod absit, prædictam cellam de Jarowe et alia bona sibi superius assignata, per hostiles incursus Scotorum, vel per communem guerram, destrui et consumi, ita quod non possit de residuo bonorum aliqualiter sustentari, volumus et ordinamus, quod habeat unam cameram infra septa monasterii prædicti Dunolmensis, et congruam sustentationem de bonis ejusdem, pro se, uno socio, uno valleto, et quatuor garcionibus juxta monasterii facultates. Ordinamus insuper, pro majori securitate dicti domini Willelmi in præmissis, quod primus futurus prior dicti monasterii, infra quindecim dies a tempore regiminis sibi commissi, omnia præmissa, per nos ordinata pro dicto domino Willelmo, approbet, cum capitulo suo, ratificet, et concedat per literas patentes, sigillo capituli consignatas, in forma prædicta; salva nobis potestate præmissa corrigendi, augmentandi, supplendi et declarandi, pro loco et tempore opportunis, et contradictores aut rebelles, si qui fuerint, per censuram ecclesiasticam compescendi, quotiens id rationabiliter viderimus faciendum. In quorum omnium testimonium, sigillum nostrum præsentibus duximus apponendum. Datum apud Middelham, die et anno supradictis, et pontificatus nostri tertio.

Inhibitio in causa appellationis Thomæ de Nevill' super ecclesia de Ellesden.

f. 89 b. Inhibition on the appeal of Thomas de Nevill in the matter of the church of Ellesden.

Venerabili in Christo patri, domino . ., Dei gratia, Dunolmensi episcopo, . . prior de Novo Loco in Shirewod', judex unicus inter partes infrascriptas a sede apostolica delegatus, salutem, cum omni reverentia et honore. Literas sanctissimi patris et domini, domini Clementis, divina providentia, papæ, Quinti,non

A.D. 1313. cancellatas, non abolitas, nec in aliqua sui parte vitiatas, sed vera bulla plumbea cum filo cannabis, consignatas, nuper recepimus, formam quæ sequitur continentes: — Clemens, episcopus, servus servorum Dei, dilecto filio . . priori de Novo Loco in Shirewod', Eboracensis diœcesis, salutem, et apostolicam benedictionem. Sua nobis Thomas de Nevill', rector ecclesiæ de Ellesden', Dunolmensis diœcesis, petitione monstravit, quod licet ipse dictam ecclesiam, nulli alii de jure debitam, canonice fuisset adeptus, eamque aliquandiu pacifice possedisset, et tunc etiam possideret; tamen, Johannes de Heddelem', presbyter dictæ diœcesis, falso asserens se a nobili muliere, Elizabet, relicta quondam Gilberti de Humframvill', militis, vidua, ejusdem diœcesis, quæ pro patrona dictæ ecclesiæ se gerit, ad eandem ecclesiam, quam mendaciter vacare dicebat, venerabili fratri nostro, Dunolmensi episcopo, canonice præsentatum; ac orta propter hoc inter eosdem rectorem et Johannem, super eadem ecclesia, coram dicto episcopo, auctoritate ordinaria, materia quæstionis; tandem, cum fuisset coram magistris Guillelmo de Quicham, decano ecclesiæ de Langecestr' prædictæ diœcesis, Ricardo de Eryum, officiali dicti episcopi, ac Galfrido de Haxeby, monacho monasterii Dunelmensis, ordinis Sancti Benedicti, quibus dictus episcopus causam hujusmodi audiendam commiserat, et fine debito terminandam, aliquandiu in hujusmodi causa processum, dictus episcopus, ad se revocans causam ipsam, eam magistris Adæ de Morpath', et Johanni dicto de Nassington', clericis suis per suas literas audiendam dicitur commisisse. Dictus vero rector, ex eo sentiens ab eisdem clericis, ad quorum, propter hoc, præsentiam vocatus extitit, indebite se gravari, quod copiam actorum communium coram eis, in causa hujusmodi, habitorum, per quæ causa instruebatur eadem, quam nunquam habuerat, sibi facere, contra justitiam, denegarunt, humiliter requisiti, ad sedem apostolicam appellavit. An. Episc. 3.

An. Episc. 3. Cum autem dictus rector, sicut asserit, potentiam dicti Johannis merito perhorrescens, ipsum infra civitatem et dicœcesim Dunolmensem nequeat convenire secure, discretioni tuæ, per apostolica scripta, mandamus, quatenus, si est ita, revocato in statum debitum quicquid post appellationem hujusmodi, inveneris temere attentatum, audias causam prædictam, et, appellatione remota, debito fine decidas, faciens quod decreveris per censuram ecclesiasticam firmiter observari: alioquin partes ipsas ad dictorum clericorum remittas examen, appellantem in expensis legitimis condemnando. Testes autem qui fuerunt, nominatim, si se gratia, odio, vel timore, subtraxerint, censura simili, appellatione cessante, compellas veritati testimonium perhibere. Datum Avinion', quarto kal. Martii, pontificatus nostri anno octavo.—Nos igitur, hujusmodi auctoritate mandati, propensius attendentes dictum negotium per appellationem legitimam supradictam, de qua, et ejus causa nobis sufficienter constat, in hac parte, ad nos plenius fore devolutum, vobis cum ea reverentia qua decet, in virtute sanctæ obedientiæ qua dictæ sedi tenemini, firmiter inhibemus, et, per vos, tam dicto domino Johanni parti in hac parte appellatæ, et commissariis vestris supradictis, quam cæteris omnibus quibus exigit, inhiberi volumus, et mandamus, ne, pendente hujusmodi appellationis causa, quicquam in dictæ partis appellantis præjudicium attentetis vel attentent, faciatis, vel faciant, aliqualiter attentari, quominus dictæ parti appellanti libera facultas pateat hujusmodi suam appellationem legitime prosequendi. Citetis etiam, seu citari faciatis, prædictum dominum Johannem, partem, ut præmittitur, in hac parte appellatam, quod, quarto die juridico post festum Apostolorum Petri et Pauli, in ecclesia collegiata de Rypon', compareat coram nobis, nostrisve commissariis seu commissario, in dictæ appellationis causa legitime processurus, ulteriusque facturus quod justitia suadebit. Et quid in præmissis duxeritis faciendum, nos, seu A.D. 1313

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per literas vestras patentes, harum seriem continentes. Datum apud Novum Locum in Shirewod, xj. kal. Junii, anno Domini millesimo ccc°. tertio decimo.

Procuration of Margaret widow of Robert Haunsard.

Procuratio Margaretæ relictæ domini Roberti Haunsard.

Pateat universis per præsentes, quod ego, Margareta, relicta domini Roberti Haunsard, militis defuncti, in omnibus causis et negotiis, motis et movendis, personam meam qualitercunque contingentibus, quibuscunque diebus et locis, dilectum mihi in Christo, Petrum de Notingham clericum, procuratorem meum, verum et legitimum, ordino, facio, et constituo per præsentes; dans eidem generalem et plenam potestatem admittendi administrationem omnium bonorum dicti domini mei portionem qualitercunque contingentium, una cum Willelmo et Johanne de Walworth, in bonis prædictis, a venerabili patre, domino Ricardo, Dei gratia, Dunelmensi episcopo, administratoribus deputandis, necnon et recipiendi, nomine meo, una cum prædictis Willelmo et Johanne, portionem meam de bonis prædictis, tempore dicti domini mei inventis, et etiam portionem liberorum nostrorum in dictis bonis contingentibus; et ad subeundum nomine meo sententiam condemnatoriam de fideliter administrando, in portione dictum dominum meum defunctum contingente inventarium faciendo, et fideliter compotum reddendo de administratio [ne] hujusmodi, juxta formam administrationis mihi et prædictis Willelmo et Johanni inde committendam per dominum episcopum supradictum; cum, congruis loco et tempore, ex parte dicti domini mei episcopi, vel successorum suorum, fuerimus requisiti; necnon de fideliter conservando portionem dictorum liberorum usque ad ætatem legitimam eorundem, et tunc eis portionem hujusmodi restituendo, vel de eadem satisfaciendo, in quantum jus, et consuetudo regni hoc exigit et requirit, et ad obligandum me, hæredes, et

An. Episc. 3. executores meos, et omnia bona mea, mobilia et immobilia, ubicunque sint inventa, ad præmissa omnia et singula tenendum et fideliter observandum, sub quacunque pœna, et censura ecclesiastica, quam dictus dominus episcopus voluerit ordinare, necnon ad jurandum specialiter in animam meam de præmissis et singulis fideliter observandis; ratum et firmum habituri quicquid præfatus Petrus, una cum prædictis Willelmo et Johanne, nomine meo, in præmissis, et singulis præmissorum duxerit faciendum. In cujus rei testimonium, sigillum meum præsentibus apposui. Datum Eboraci, xiij°. die Junii, anno Domini millesimo ccc°. tertio decimo. A.D. 1313.

Commissio administrationis bonorum.

f. 90. Commission to administer to the estate of Sir Robert Haunsard, who died intestate.

Ricardus, permissione divina, Dunelmensis episcopus, dilectis sibi in Christo, Margaretæ, relictæ domini Roberti Haunsard, militis, defuncti, Willelmo et Johanni de Walworth', salutem, gratiam et benedictionem. De vestra fidelitate et circumspectione plenam in Domino fiduciam obtinentes, ad faciendum fidele inventarium, cum testimonio fidedignorum rei veritatem magis scientium, de omnibus bonis dicti domini Roberti ob intestato decedentis, quæ habuit, tempore mortis suæ, in diœcesi nostra, et ad satisfaciendum quibuscunque creditoribus ejusdem domini Roberti de debitis in quibus tenebatur dum vixit, de quorum creditorum nominibus, et quantitate debiti, per nos . . . officialemve nostrum Dunolmensem, vel nostros commissarios, vobis constiterit in eventu, quatenus bona prædicta sufficere poterunt ad debita hujusmodi persolvendum; et, debitis ipsis deductis de dictis bonis, ad dividendum residuum bonorum hujusmodi in tres partes, videlicet, ipsi defuncto, unam partem, et dictæ Margaretæ, relictæ suæ, alteram partem, et liberis ejusdem domini Roberti defuncti, et de te, Margareta, suscitatis, tertiam partem, secundum consuetudinem regni Angliæ, per æquales portiones assignandas; et ad

A.D. 1313. administrandum in bonis portionem dicti defuncti con- An. Episc. 3
tingentibus, et ad distribuendum ac erogandum ea in pios usus personis et locis ubi magis ad salutem animæ dicti defuncti, secundum Deum, et justas conscientias vestras, videbitis expedire; super quibus vos, et quemlibet vestrum, et conscientias vestras coram Altissimo oneramus, ita quod vos, et quilibet vestrum, teneamini de administratione hujusmodi fidelem compotum reddere coram nobis, vel commissariis nostris, cum super hoc ex parte nostra fueritis requisiti, vobis committimus plenam, tenore præsentium, potestatem. Vos etiam, Margaretam, Willelmum, et Johannem [prædictos, curatores et custodes bonorum portionem dictorum liberorum prædicti defuncti contingentium usque ad legitimam ætatem eorundem, ad respondendum eisdem, et eorum cuilibet, de portione ipsos, et eorum quemlibet, contingente, cum fuerint ætatis legitimæ, quatenus jus et consuetudo exigunt, deputamus; volentes quod si pro præmissis bonis, vel occasione eorundem, contingat nos implacitari per aliquem vel vexari, quod pro nobis in hac parte teneamini respondere, et indemnes per omnia observare. Datum apud Middleham.

Obligation to administer faithfully to the estate of Robert Haunsard.

Obligatio administrandi fideliter in bonis Roberti Haunsard'.

Universis sanctæ matris ecclesiæ filiis pateat, per præsentes, quod nos, Margareta, relicta domini Roberti Haunsard', militis, defuncti, Willelmus et Johannes de Walworth', recepimus integraliter, post mortem dicti domini Roberti, omnimoda bona, mobilia et se moventia, ipsum dominum Robertum, uxorem et liberos suos tempore mortis suæ, in diœcesi Dunelmensi, contingentia, videlicet ad respondendum et satisfaciendum inde de omnibus et singulis debitis in quibus idem dominus Robertus, dum vixit, quibuscunque creditoribus tenebatur, prout et quando de nominibus eorundem creditorum, et quantitate debiti, per venerabilem patrem, dominum Ricardum, Dunelmensem episcopum, officialem-

An. Episc. 3. que suum, vel commissarios suos, nobis constiterit in eventu, quatenus bona eidem sufficere poterunt, ad debita persolvendum, et ad respondendum et satisfaciendum liberis dictorum domini Roberti et uxoris suæ, de portione ipsos liberos in bonis prædictis contingente, deductis debitis memoratis, necnon ad fideliter distribuendum portionem bonorum prædictum dominum Robertum contingentium, pro salute animæ ejusdem, juxta formam administrationis nobis inde commissæ per dominum episcopum supradictum, et ad conservandum prædictum dominum episcopum, ejusque successores, et eorum ministros, indemnes, quoad omnia et singula, quæ ipsos, vel eorum aliquem, ratione bonorum hujusmodi, contingunt, aut contingere poterunt, quovismodo. Ad quæ omnia et singula faciendum et observandum, in singulis suis articulis, necnon ad solutionem expensarum, damni, et interesse, si quæ dicti domini, episcopus vel ministri sui, fecerint aut incurrerint in hac parte, obligamus nos, et quemlibet nostrum, in solidum, fide media et juramento corporali præstito, hæredes et executores nostros, et omnia bona nostra, mobilia et immobilia, ubicunque inventa, jurisdictioni et districtioni dicti domini episcopi, officialisque sui, et cujuscunque alterius judicis, ecclesiastici vel civilis. Et nihilominus, si contingat nos in præmissis, vel eorum aliquo, deficere, quod absit, volumus, concedimus et promittimus, fide media et juramento corporali præstito, nos, et quemlibet nostrum, teneri prædicto domino episcopo in ducentis libris sterlingorum, nomine pœnæ eidem, in eventu illo, cum illud per eundem dominum nostrum Dunelmensem episcopum, de plano, et sine strepitu et figura judicii, declaratum fuerit, plenarie persolvendis. Et ad hoc fatemur et recognoscimus, tenore præsentium, nos in omnibus et singulis supradictis, prout suprascripta sunt, fideliter faciendis, per dictum dominum episcopum esse legitime condemnatos. In cujus rei testimonium, sigilla nostra apposuimus. A.D. 1313

A.D. 1313. Datum apud Middelham, quoad nos, Willelmum et Johannem de Walworth', xvij°. die Junii, et, quoad me, Margaretam prædictam, apud Eboracum, xxij°. die Junii, anno Domini M°.ccc°. tertio decimo. An. Episc. 3.

Indulgence of 40 days for the souls of Walter Fitz-Richard and Matilda his wife.

Memorandum.— Quod xxv°. die Junii, anno Domini M°.ccc°. tertio decimo, concessit dominus xl. dies veniæ pro animabus Walteri filii Ricardi et Matildæ, consortis suæ, de Conesclive Superiore, etc.

f. 90 b. Letter to the king, praying for secular aid for the capture of an excommunicated person.

Litera missa domino regi, pro excommunicato capiendo. Serenissimo principi et domino suo, domino Edwardo, Dei gratia, regi Angliæ illustri, Ricardus, eadem permissione divina, Dunolmensis ecclesiæ minister humilis, salutem in Eo, per Quem reges regnant, et principes dominantur. Excellentiæ vestræ regiæ notum facimus per præsentes, quod magister Johannes de Chesewik', executor testamenti Ricardi de Chesewik', patris sui defuncti, parochianus noster, est propter suam contumaciam, pariter et offensam, ad instantiam Nicholai de Karliolo, et Willelmi, fratris ejusdem, burgensium villæ Novi Castri super Tynam, executorum testamenti magistri Hugonis de Saundon', defuncti, auctoritate nostra ordinaria, majoris excommunicationis [sententia] involutus, in qûa per quadraginta dies, et amplius, perseveravit, et adhuc, contemptis ecclesiæ clavibus, perseverat animo indurato. Quocirca, vestræ regiæ celsitudini supplicamus, quatenus, ad insolentiam prædicti rebellis salubrius reprimendam, literas vestras, si placet, velitis concedere, secundum præobtentam meritoriam et piam consuetudinem regni vestri, ut quem divinus timor a malo non revocat, vestræ majestatis potestas coerceat temporalis. Excellentiam vestram regiam conservet semper, et dirigat, potentia Trinitatis. Datum apud Middelham, secundo die Julii, anno Domini millesimo ccc°. tertio decimo.

An. Episc. 3. Mandatum et bulla de decima sexenniali.

A.D. 1313. Mandate of the archbishop of York to the bishop of Durham, reciting the bulls of pope Clement V., relative to the collection of the tithes of six years.

Willelmus, permissione divina, Eboracensis archiepiscopus, Angliæ primas, venerabili fratri, domino Ricardo, Dei gratia, episcopo Dunolmensi, salutem, et fraternæ caritatis in Domino continuum incrementum. Literas sanctissimi patris et domini nostri, domini Clementis, divina providentia, papæ, Quinti, cum filo cannabis veris bullis plumbeis bullatas, xxij°. die mensis Junii, apud Lanum, recepimus, tenorem qui sequitur continentes.—Clemens episcopus, servus servorum Dei, venerabilibus fratribus, archiepiscopo Eboracensi, ac universis et singulis episcopis, exemptis et non exemptis, per Eboracensem provinciam constitutis, salutem et apostolicam benedictionem. Redemptor noster, unigenitus Dei Filius, Dominus Jesus Christus, in tantum Syon, filiam, videlicet, Terram Sanctam, dilexit, quod eam sibi in hæreditatem et proprium patrimonium præelegit. Hanc utique ipse, nostræ carnis indumento vestitus, sua decoravit præsentia, suique pretios[iss]imi aspersione sanguinis consecravit; sed lugendum est, proh dolor! et amare dolendum, quod tam præclara mundi Redemptoris hæreditas versa est ad alienos, et Babylonici persecutoris furore confusa jacet, coinquinatorum pedibus conculcata, et per immundissimos Saracenos, hostes perfidos nominis Christiani, vilissima ipsorum contrectatione polluta occupata miserabiliter, detinetur; et, trucidato in ea immaniter populo Christiano, ad majorem contumeliam Creatoris, totiusque Christianitatis injuriam et dolorem, ab hostium ipsorum abominanda spurcitia blasphematur ibidem horribiliter nomen Christi. Lamentatur itaque, diris afflicta flagitiis regio ipsa tristis, et, de intolerabili persecutione quam patitur, lamenta multiplicans, clamat ad Christi vicarium; Christianos principes et plebem Catholicam interpellat opprobriis sauciata, eis quoque sua vulnera detegit, a quibus expectat operam medicantis, illorum dexteram vindicem expetit, pro quorum salute salutis Auctor in ea crucis pertulit passionem. Hiis igitur, et aliis circa

A.D. 1313. hæc, quæ animus nequit plene concipere, nec lingua Au. Episc. 3.
referre ad cor ascendentibus, et excitantibus mentem nostram quam primo ad apostolicæ dignitatis apicem fuimus, licet indigni, divina dignatione vocati, statum lugubre dictæ terræ piæ considerationis oculo intuentes, studuimus cogitare remedia, quibus, ope comite cœlestis auxilii, terra ipsa, de scelestis hostis manibus liberata, sibi, post tantarum tribulationum tenebras, possent serena quietis optatæ tempora provenire; ad quod, et alia pia et Deo accepta opera, ope suæ omnipotentiæ promovenda fecimus apud civitatem Viennam Generale Concilium convocari. Postmodum vero, cum fratribus nostris, sanctæ Romanæ ecclesiæ cardinalibus, patriarchis quoque, archiepiscopis, et episcopis, cæterisque prælatis, necnon carissimis in Christo filiis nostris, Philippo Francorum, et Lodovico Navarræ, regibus illustribus, qui suam exhibuerunt in Concilio memorato præsentiam, et nonnullis aliis excellentibus viris, ac aliquorum absentium prælatorum, et etiam capitulorum, conventuum, ecclesiarum et monasteriorum procuratoribus in ipso concilio congregatis, longum maturum et diligentem, tractatum habuimus super juvando negotio dictæ terræ. Et tandem, de ipsius approbatione Concilii, deliberavimus, ut eidem terræ per subsidium generalis passagii succurratur; ad quod nos, manum apostolicæ potestatis apponere sollicitis studiis intendentes, præmissis omnibus digna consideratione pensatis, decimam omnium ecclesiasticorum reddituum et proventuum per universas mundi partes, (personis et locis Hospitalis Sancti Johannis Jerosolomitani, et aliorum militarium ordinum, duntaxat exceptis), usque ad sex annos, a kalendis Januarii proximo præteritis computandos, auctoritate apostolica, eodem sacro approbante Concilio, duximus propterea imponendam, per certos, sicut nobis videretur expediens, colligendam terminos, et solvendam, ac in dictæ terræ subsidium, et alias contra inimicos et infideles catholicæ fidei, convertendam.

An. Episc. 3. Verum nos, nuper considerantes attentius, quod literæ nostræ super hujusmodi impositione, collectione, et solutione, decimæ, ad vos infra kalendas non pervenerint supradictas, nec etiam in brevi propter longam a Romana curia partium illarum distantiam, commode pervenire valebant, et, propterea, relevationibus et commoditatibus vestris, in hac parte, benigne prospicere cupientes, prædictos sex annos in eisdem partibus vestris in kalendis Octobris proximo futuris decrevimus inchoandos. Quare universitatem vestram rogamus, monemus, et hortamur attentius, vobis nihilominus per apostolica scripta, in virtute obedientiæ, districtius injungentes, quatenus præfatam decimam per eosdem sex annos, a dictis kalendis Octobris, ut prædicitur, inchoandos, juxta morem solitum, per infrascriptos terminos, videlicet, pro medietate primi anni dictorum sex annorum, in eisdem kalendis Octobris, et pro reliqua medietate ipsius anni, in kalendis Aprilis ex tunc proximo secuturi, et sic per singulos reliquos quinque annos per similes terminos, absque difficultatis obstaculo, vos, et quilibet vestrum, de redditibus et proventibus vestris ecclesiasticis, sine diminutione qualibet, persolvatis. Quod si forsan in eisdem terminis defeceritis in solutione decimæ supradictæ, vos, et quemlibet vestrum, similes sententias quas per vos, vel aliam, seu alias, personas idoneas et fideles, deputandam, seu deputandas, a vobis ad eandem decimam in vestris civitatibus et diœcesibus colligendam, in non solventes illam in terminis supradictis proferri contigerit, incurrere volumus, ipso facto. Et vos nihilominus a dilectis filiis, abbatibus, prioribus, decanis, archidiaconis, præpositis, archipresbyteris et aliis ecclesiarum prælatis, capitulis, collegiis et conventibus, Cisterciensis, Cluniacensis, Præmonstratensis, Sanctorum Benedicti et Augustini, Carthusiensis, Grandimontensis, et aliorum, ordinum, cæterisque personis ecclesiasticis, sæcularibus et regularibus, non exemptis, per vestras civitates et diœcesim constitutis

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A.D. 1313. videlicet, singuli vestrum in singulis eisdem civitatibus et diœcesibus, (prioribus, præceptoribus, magistris, et aliis personiis ac locis, hospitalis Sancti Johannis Jerosolomitani, et aliorum militarium ordinum eorundem, duntaxat exceptis), per vos, vel hujusmodi aliam, seu alias, personas idoneas et fideles, quam, vel quas, ad hujusmodi collectionis ministerium, in singulis eisdem vestris civitatibus et diœcesibus assumendam, duxeritis, vel etiam assumendas; ipsæque, et earum singulæ, quas omnino per vos ad hoc volumus et præcipimus deputari (quibusque id tenore præsentium committimus et mandamus), in singulis prædictis civitatibus et diœcesibus ubi taliter assumptæ fuerint, a dilectis filiis, abbatibus, prioribus, decanis, præpositis, archidiaconis, archipresbyteris, et aliis ecclesiarum prælatis, capitulis, collegiis, et conventibus eorundem ordinum, exemptis, dictarum vestrarum civitatum et diœcesium, (præterquam ab eisdem prioribus, præceptoribus, magistris, personis, et locis, Hospitalis Sancti Johannis, et aliorum militarium ordinum prædictorum), hujusmodi decimam, juxta prædictum morem, per annos et terminos memoratos, de redditibus et proventibus suis ecclesiasticis, auctoritate nostra, integraliter exigere et colligere, dictæque etiam assumptæ personæ decimam, quam ut prædicitur, ab ipsis, tam exemptis quam non exemptis, exigi et colligi contigerit per easdem, singulis, videlicet, vestrum, a quibus taliter assumptæ fuerint, per eosdem terminos, seu pro eis quam cito commode poterunt, omni mora et dilatione postpositis, fideliter et integre tradere et assignare; quas ad reddendum vobis compotum de exactis et collectis a prædictis non exemptis, ac traditionem et assignationem hujusmodi decimæ per eas, ab eisdem exemptis et non exemptis, exactæ et collectæ, ut præmittitur, faciendam, per censuram ecclesiasticam, appellatione cessante, cogatis; de ipsius traditione, et assignatione hujusmodi, confectis publicis instrumentis, aliisque debitis cautelis adhibitis, per quæ, cum opus An. Episc. 3.

An. Episc. 3. fuerit, constare valeat quantum et a quibus, quando et pro quo tempore, præfatæ assumptæ personæ de decima ipsa receperint, quantumque de illa, et quando, ac pro quo tempore, singulis vestrum tradiderint et assignaverint, studeatis. Quam quidem decimam, tam per vos et easdem personas ab aliis exemptis et non exemptis, ut præmittitur, exigendam et colligendam, cum exacta et collecta extiterit, vobisque illa etiam, quam, per dictas personas a præfatis exemptis exigi et colligi contigerit, tradita et assignata fuerit, ut superius est expressum, quam illam quam de dictis vestris redditibus et proventibus persolvetis, singuli vestrum, una cum capitulo suæ cathedralis ecclesiæ, infra ecclesiam ipsam, aut etiam alibi, prout magis expedire cognoverint, in aliquo decentiore et tutiore loco repositam, suis, et ipsius capituli, expensis, faciant diligenter et fideliter custodiri per eosdem, singulos vestrum, illi vel illis, quem vel quos, ad id, deputandum seu deputandos duxerimus, prout et quando nobis videbitur, pro hujusmodi terræ ac fidei prædictarum negotiis, assignandam. Ut igitur facilius et efficacius super exactione et collectione hujus decimæ debitus subsequatur effectus, vobis, et singulis vestrum, abbates, priores, decanos, præpositos, et alios supradictos non exemptos, in eisdem vestris civitatibus et diœcesibus, per vos, vel prædictas personas, per vos, ut præmittitur, assumendas, eisdem vero personis, abbates, priores, decanos, præpositos, et alios prælibatos exemptos, in singulis eisdem civitatibus et diœcesibus, in quibus deputatæ fuerint, nec non quoscunque alios contradictores et rebelles, per censuram ecclesiasticam, appellatione postposita, compescendi, et insuper, vobis et singulis vestrum, in eisdem vestris civitatibus et diœcesibus, illis ex non exemptis prædictis, ac præfatis assumendis personis et earum cuilibet, illis ex prædictis exemptis, qui, occasione prædictæ decimæ tempore debito non solutæ excommunicationum, suspensionum, vel interdicti, fuerint ligati sententiis, post satisfactionem de illa ex- A.D. 1313. f. 91 b.

A.D. 1313. hibitam, juxta formam ecclesiæ, absolutionis beneficium impendendi, et dispensandi cum eis, qui, dictis ligati sententiis, vel earum aliqua, celebrando divina, vel immiscendo[1] se illis, sicut prius, maculam irregularitatis contraxerint, plenam et liberam concedimus tenore præsentium, potestatem. Et ut tam vos, quam dictæ personæ, ad dictam colligendam decimam per vos, ut præmittitur, deputandæ, fructum de vestris laboribus reportetis, præmissa vobis, et eis, in remissionem injungimus peccatorum; non obstantibus si vobis, vel vestrum aliquibus, aut abbatibus, prioribus, et aliis supradictis, exemptis et non exemptis, vel quibuscunque aliis, ab eadem sit sede indultum, quod ad solutionem alicujus decimæ minime teneamini, et ad id compelli, aut quod interdici, suspendi, vel excommunicari, non possitis, per literas apostolicas, quæ de indulto hujusmodi, et toto ejus tenore, de verbo ad verbum, ac de propriis, ordinum, locorum, et personarum, vestrarum, nominibus plenam et expressam non fecerint mentionem; seu quibuscunque privilegiis, indulgentiis, exemptionibus, et literis apostolicis, quibuscunque dignitatibus, ordinibus, locis, vel personis, generaliter vel specialiter, sub quacunque forma vel conceptione[2] verborum, a sede memorata concessis, de quibus, quorumque totis tenoribus, de verbo ad verbum in nostris literis specialis, plena, et expressa, mentio sit habenda. Præterea, considerantes quod in præmissis negotium Dei prosequimini, et in conspectu agitis. Ejus, qui cuncta discernit, sibique, necnon et nobis, qui circa hæc omnem diligentiam intendimus adhibere, tenebimini reddere rationem, ab utroque pro meritis recepturi, sic prudenter in illis, et sollicite, gerere, sicque diligenter et consulte vos habere, curetis, quod non solum vitetis pœnæ confusionisque discrimina, sed laudis gloriam, ac retributionis condignæ mercedem, consequi valeatis. Volumus insuper, quod quilibet vestrum de præmissis diligenter An. Episc. 3.

[1] *immiscendo*] immissendo in MS. | [2] *conceptione*] contemptione in MS.

An. Episc. 3. et solicite prosequendis personas easdem, per eum ad dictam colligendam decimam deputatas, jurare faciat in hac forma:—" Juro ego, . . . a vobis domino . . . . " auctoritate sedis apostolicæ, ac etiam ab eadem sede, " deputatus collector, ad exigendum, colligendum et re- " cipiendum, decimam omnium reddituum et proven- " tuum ecclesiasticorum ab omnibus personis ecclesias- " ticis, exemptis et non exemptis, in civitate et diœcesi " vestris, (prioribus, præceptoribus, magistris, ac aliis " personis et locis, Hospitalis, Sancti Johannis Jerosolom', " et aliorum militarium ordinum, duntaxat exceptis), " constitutis, pro Terræ Sanctæ ac fidei catholicæ nego- " tiis, ab eadem sede impositam, quam fideliter exigam, " colligam, et recipiam, atque custodiam ipsam decimam, " non deferendo in hiis alicui personæ, cujuscunque " ordinis, status, conditionis, aut dignitatis, existat, " prece, timore, gratia, vel favore, seu quacunque de " causa ; et integre vobis restituam et assignabo, cum id " a vobis recepero in mandatis. Et super omnibus et " singulis, videlicet, a prædictis non exemptis, vobis, ab " eisdem vero exemptis per me, exactis, collectis, et re- " ceptis, illi vel illis, quem vel quos, præfata sedes ad " id deputandum duxerit, seu etiam deputandos, reddam " fidelem et integram rationem. Et si contingat vos " officium quod in præmissis geritis dimittere, hæc eadem " faciam, juxta mandatum illius qui substituetur in " eodem officio. Sic me Deus adjuvet et hæc sancta " Dei Evangelia." Datum Avinioni, kalendis Decembris, pontificatus nostri anno octavo. A.D. 1313.

Item : — Clemens episcopus, servus servorum Dei, dilectis filiis, universis abbatibus, prioribus, decanis, archidiaconis, præpositis, archipresbyteris, et aliis ecclesiarum prælatis, capitulis, collegiis, et conventibus, Cisterciensis, Cluniacensis, Præmonstratensis, Sanctorum Benedicti et Augustini, Carthusiensis, Grandimontensis, et aliorum, ordinum, cæterisque personis ecclesiasticis, sæcularibus et regularibus, exemptis et non exemptis,

A.D. 1313. per Eboracenses civitatem et diœcesim, ac provinciam, (prioribus, seu præceptoribus, et magistris, ac personis aliis et locis, Sancti Johannis Jerosolom', et aliorum militarium ordinum duntaxat exceptis,) constitutis, salutem, et apostolicam benedictionem. Redemptor noster, unigenitus Dei Filius, Dominus Jesus Christus, in tantum Syon filiam, videlicet, Terram Sanctam, dilexit, quod eam sibi in hæreditatem et proprium patrimonium præelegit. Hanc utique ipse nostræ carnis indumento vestitus, sua decoravit præsentia, suique pretiosissimi aspersione sanguinis consecravit; sed lugendum est, proh dolor! et amare dolendum, quod tam præclara nostri Redemptoris hæreditas versa est ad alienos, et Babylonici persecutoris furore confusa jacet, coinquinatorum pedibus conculcata, et per immundissimos Saracenos, hostes perfidos nominis Christiani, vilissima ipsorum contrectatione polluta, occupata miserabiliter, detinetur; et, trucidato, in eo immaniter populo Christiano, ad majorem contumeliam Creatoris, totiusque Christianitatis injuriam et dolorem, ab hostium ipsorum abominanda spurcitia blasphematur ibidem horribiliter nomen Christi. Lamentatur itaque, diris afflicta flagitiis, regio ipsa tristis, et, de intolerabili persecutione quam patitur, lamenta multiplicans clamat ad Christi vicarium; Christianos principes et plebem Catholicam interpellat, opprobriis sauciata, eis quoque sua vulnera detegit, a quibus operam medicantis expectat, illorum dexteram vindicem expetit, pro quorum salute salutis Auctor in ea crucis pertulit passionem. Hiis igitur, et aliis circa hæc, quæ animus nequit plene concipere, nec lingua referre, ad cor ascendentibus, et excitantibus mentem nostram; quam primo ad apostolicæ dignitatis apicem fuimus, licet indigni, divina dignatione vocati, statum lugubre dictæ terræ piæ considerationis oculo intuentes, studuimus cogitare remedia, quibus, ope comite
f. 92. cœlestis auxilii, terra ipsa, de scelestis hostis manibus liberata, sibi, post tantarum tribulationum tenebras

An. Episc. 2.

An. Episc. 3. possent serena quietis optatæ tempora provenire; ad quod, et alia pia et Deo accepta opera, ope suæ omnipotentiæ promovenda, fecimus apud civitatem Viennam Generale Concilium convocari. Postmodum vero, cum fratribus nostris, sanctæ Romanæ ecclesiæ cardinalibus, patriarchis quoque, archiepiscopis, et episcopis, cæterisque prælatis, necnon carissimis in Christo filiis nostris, Philippo Francorum, et Lodovico Navarræ, regibus illustribus, qui suam exhibuerunt in Concilio memorato præsentiam, et nonnullis aliis excellentibus viris, ac aliquorum absentium prælatorum, et etiam capitulorum, conventuum, ecclesiarum et monasteriorum, procuratoribus, in ipso concilio congregatis, longum, maturum et diligentem, tractatum habuimus super juvando negotio dictæ terræ. Et tandem, de ipsius approbatione Concilii, deliberavimus, ut eidem terræ per subsidium generalis passagii succurratur; ad quod nos, manum apostolicæ potestatis apponere sollicitis studiis intendentes, præmissis omnibus digna consideratione pensatis, decimam omnium ecclesiasticorum reddituum et proventuum, per universas mundi partes (personis et locis Hospitalis Sancti Johannis Jerosolom', et aliorum militarium ordinum, duntaxat exceptis), usque ad sex annos, a kalendis Januarii proximo præteritis computandos, auctoritate apostolica, eodem sacro approbante Concilio, duximus propterea imponendam, per certos, sicut nobis videretur expediens colligendam terminos et solvendam, ac in dictæ terræ subsidium, et alias contra inimicos et infideles Catholicæ fidei, convertendam. Verum nos, nuper considerantes attentius quod literæ nostræ super hujusmodi impositione, collectione, et solutione, decimæ, ad vos infra kalendas non pervenerint supradictas, nec etiam in brevi, propter longam a Romana curia partium illarum distantiam, commode pervenire valebant, et, propterea, relevationibus et commoditatibus vestris, in hac parte benigne prospicere cupientes, prædictos sex annos, in A.D. 1313.

A.D. 1313. eisdem partibus vestris, in kalendis Octobris proximo futuris, decrevimus inchoandos. Quare universitatem vestram rogamus, monemus, et hortamur attentius, vobis nihilominus per apostolica scripta, in virtute obedientiæ, districtius injungentes, quatenus præfatam decimam per eosdem sex annos, a dictis kalendis Octobris, ut prædicitur, inchoandos, juxta morem solitum, per infrascriptos terminos, videlicet, pro medietate primi anni dictorum sex annorum, in eisdem kalendis Octobris, et pro reliqua medietate ipsius anni, in kalendis Aprilis ex tunc proximo secuturi, et sic per singulos reliquos quinque annos per similes terminos, absque difficultatis obstaculo, vos, videlicet, non exempti, et singuli vestrum, ordinariis vestris, seu personæ vel personis, per eos ad hujusmodi collectionis ministerium deputandis, vos vero exempti, et vestrum quilibet, personis eisdem, quas ad id, per eosdem ordinarios, in civitatibus et diœcesibus in quibus constituti fore noscimini, deputari contigerit (quos quidem ordinarios et personas ad eandem decimam exigendam et colligendam, per alias nostras, sub certa forma, literas, duximus deputandos), de redditibus et proventibus vestris ecclesiasticis, sine diminutione qualibet, persolvatis. Alioquin dictis ordinariis vos non exemptos prædictos, per eos vel easdem personas ab ipsis ordinariis, ut præmittitur, assumendas, eisdem vero personis vos præfatos exemptos, et quoscunque contradictores et rebelles per censuram ecclesiasticam, appellatione postposita, compescendi, plenam per easdem concedimus literas potestatem. Nos enim processus et sententias, sive pœnas, quas ordinarii et personæ prædictæ propter hoc rite fecerint, tulerint, vel statuerint, in rebelles, ratas habebimus, et faciemus, auctore Domino, usque ad satisfactionem condignam inviolabiliter observari; non obstantibus, si vobis, vel vestrum aliquibus, ab eadem sit sede indultum, quod ad solutionem alicujus decimæ minime teneamini, et ad id compelli, aut quod excommunicari, suspendi, vel An. Episc. 3.

An. Episc. 3. interdici non possitis, per literas apostolicas, non faci- A.D. 1313.
entes plenam et expressam, ac de verbo ad verbum, de indulto hujusmodi mentionem, seu quibuscunque privilegiis, indulgentiis et literis apostolicis quibuscunque dignitatibus, ordinibus, locis, vel personis, generaliter vel specialiter, sub quacunque forma vel conceptione verborum, a sede memorata concessis, de quibus, quorumque totis tenoribus, de verbo ad verbum in nostris literis specialis, plena, et expressa, mentio sit habenda. Datum Avinioni, kalendis Decembris, pontificatus nostri anno octavo.—

Volentes itaque mandatis apostolicis obedire humiliter, ut tenemur, vobis literas hujusmodi, omnemque processum in eis contentum, insinuamus et notificamus, fraternitatem vestram in Domino exhortantes, quatenus ea quæ in prædictis literis continentur, ob reverentiàm sedis apostolicæ, prout vobis injungitur, et tam pium opus desiderat, exequamini cum effectu. In quorum omnium testimonium, sigillum nostrum præsentibus est appensum. Datum apud Lanu', vj^to. kal. Julii, anno Gratiæ millesimo trecentesimo tertio decimo, et pontificatus nostri octavo.

Nos, igitur, de vestræ providæ discretionis et circumspectionis industria, ac debitæ solicitudinis et fidelitatis studio, potissime confidentes, ad exigendum, recipiendum, et colligendum, dictam decimam sexennialem terminis superius nominatis, a quibuscunque personis ecclesiasticis, in prædictis literis expressis, juxta formam et effectum præcedentium literarum, vos, vice nostra, in nostris civitate et diœcesi assumimus, deputamus et specialiter assignamus; in virtute sanctæ obedientiæ qua sedi apostolicæ estis astricti, vobis firmiter et arctius injungentes, quatenus omnia et singula quæ in exigendo, recipiendo, et colligendo, decimam antedictam, necnon dictum compotum reddendo, requiruntur, sic prudenter, sicque sollicite, exequi studeatis, quod pœnas, contra remissos in hac parte comminatas, vitare pos-

A.D. 1313. sitis, et præmissum retributionis præmium promereri. An. Episc.
Valete. Datum apud Stokton', ultimo die mensis Julii, anno Domini, M°.ccc°. tertio decimo, et pontificatus nostri tertio.

f. 92 b. Letter of the bishop of Durham to the king, sending the names of the proxies he had appointed to attend the parliament summoned at Westminster.

Procuratorium in parliamento domini regis.

Excellentissimo principi, et domino suo semper reverendo, domino Edwardo, Dei gratia, regi Angliæ, domino Hiberniæ, et duci Aquitaniæ, suus devotissimus capellanus Ricardus, Dunelmensis episcopus, salutem in Eo Qui supra cuncta obtinet principatum. Quia propter subitum gentis Scottorum, vestrorum et regni vestri inimicorum capitalium, adventum in proximis jam speratum, ad partes nostras invadendum, et, quod absit, penitus destruendum, ab ipsis partibus, sine periculo totalis destructionis earundem, non audemus nos, nec possumus, elongare, nec, ob hoc, ad instans parliamentum vestrum, apud Westmonasterium, in quindena Sancti Johannis Baptistæ, favente Domino, celebrandum, personaliter interesse, de quo, novit Deus, quamplurimum conturbamur; sed, sub spe licentiæ et gratiæ vestræ, proponimus, mediante divino juvamine, juxta vires nostras, tuitioni et custodiæ intendere partium prædictarum; dilectos nobis in Christo dominos, Willelmum de Rasen, Willelmum de Ayremynne, magistrum Johannem de Snaynton', et dominum Galfridum de Edenham, clericos, et quemlibet eorum, in solidum, ita quod non sit melior conditio occupantis, sed quod unus inceperit, alius prosequi valeat, et finire, coram vobis, et consilio vestro, in dicto parliamento, procuratores nostros, et attornatos, facimus et constituimus speciales, ad tractandum vobiscum, et concilio vestro, cum cæteris prælatis et proceribus regni vestri, super negotiis vos, statum dicti regni vestri, et expeditionem guerræ vestræ Scotiæ, specialiter tangentibus; et ad consentiendum, nostro nomine et ecclesiæ nostræ, hiis quæ in dicto parliamento vestro, super præmissis, per vos con-

An. Episc. 3. silium vestrum, cæteros prælatos, et proceres regni vestri, contigerit ordinari; ratum et firmum habituri quicquid præfati procuratores et attornati nostri, vel unus eorum, nostro nomine, fecerint, vel fecerit, in præmissis; vestræ reverendæ dominationis excellentiæ humiliter supplicantes, quatenus prædictos procuratores nostros, ex benignitate regia, admittentes, nostram personalem absentiam in dicto parliamento vestro dignemini, ex causa prædicta, habere favorabiliter excusatam. In cujus rei testimonium, sigillum nostrum præsentibus duximus apponendum. Vestram celsitudinem ad regimen populi sui Christiani conservet Altissimus per tempora prospera et longæva. Datum apud Middelham, primo die Julii, anno Domini millesimo ccc°. tertio decimo, et pontificatus nostri tertio. A.D. 1313.

Contra executores Agnetis de Whiteby.

Mandate against the executors of Agnes de Whiteby.

Ricardus, permissione divina, Dunelmensis episcopus, vicario ecclesiæ de Hert', salutem, gratiam et benedictionem. Quia Agnes de Whiteby, quæ nuper, apud Hertrepoll', in tua decessit parochia, Rogero dicto "de Scaccario de "Maidenstane," in xxv. *li.* argenti, ex causa mutui, tenebatur, adhuc etiam et tenetur, prout per suas literas obligatorias, quas nuper apud Middleham nobis exhibuit Ricardus, dictus "Walker" de Hertrepoll' conspeximus evidenter; cum dictus Rogerus in nostra diœcesi decesserit intestatus, et ob hoc dicti debiti portione dimidia ad uxorem suam, "Mariam" nomine, cum inter se non habebant liberos, pertinente, de consuetudine ecclesiæ Anglicanæ, de qua portione executoribus ipsius Mariæ satisfieri præcipimus et mandamus; residua portio dimidia ad nos, et ad dispositionem nostram, tam de jure quam de consuetudine, sicut ad executorem legitimum, pertinere notorie dinoscatur. Ad instantiam et supplicationem dilecti nobis in Domino, fratris Ricardi de Insula, custodis fratrum Minorum custodiæ Novi Castri, ipsius portionis dimidiæ, cujus dispositio,

A.D. 1313. ut præmittitur, ad nos spectat, dimidiam partem Ysotæ, filiæ dictæ Agnetis, et executoribus Benedicti de Qwyteby, videlicet, Hugoni dicto "Lamb'"; et Willelmo dicto "Reginald'" remittimus per præsentes, de nostra gratia speciali; ita tamen, quod de alia residua portione illius dimidiæ, dicta Ysota, et coexecutores antedicti ipsius Benedicti, satisfaciant, et ipsam pecuniæ quantitatem residuam in pios usus erogent, tam pro salute animæ ipsius Rogeri, quam etiam Agnetis et Benedicti, secundum dispositionem dicti fratris Ricardi, cui nostram intentionem et voluntatem exposuimus seriosius in præmissis. Ad satisfactionem faciendam, receptis præsentibus, ipsam Ysotam et coexecutores alios, auctoritate nostra, et de mandato nostro moneas efficaciter, et inducas; quam si facere recusaverint, in forma superius annotata, volumus quod, ut prius, in solidum et totaliter remaneant obligati, nec tunc nostram remissionem seu gratiam alicujus volumus existere firmitatis. Qualiter hujusmodi nostrum mandatum fueris executus, et quid dicta Ysota, cum suis coexecutoribus duxerit faciendum, nos certifices per tuas literas, præmissorum omnium plenam seriem continentes, per fratrem Ricardum de Insula memoratum. Datum apud Middelham, ij°. die mensis Julii, anno Domini millesimo trecentesimo tertio decimo, et pontificatus nostri tertio. An. Episc. 3.

Letter to the king from the bishop of Durham, praying to be excused from attending the parliament to which he had been summoned on account of the expected invasion of Robert de Brus.

Litera missa domino regi.

A tresexcellent prince, et son tres honoure seigneur, sire Edward, par la grace de Dieu, roi d'Engleterre, seigneur d'Irland, et ducs d'Aquitaine, le soen devote chapeleyn, Richard, par la suffraunce de Dieu, evesque de Duresme, saluz, et quant qu'il puyt des bones prieres, ove toutz services, reverences et honours. Trescher seigneur, cum Sire Robert de Brus, vostre enemye, et de tute vostre terre, ad jea faite assembler son hoste por entrer en vostre terre d'Engleterre, come nous avoms entendu, et destruyer tute

An. Episc. 3. vostre pays, come il fist autre fiez en l'an passe, quant nous estaimes a Loundres a vostre parlement, et tute le poeple de nostre pais nous ad dite que si nous nous hostoms ore hors du paies, il ne oseront point apres nous demorer; prioms cherement vostre grant seigneurye, que de ce que personalement ne pooms venir a vostre parlement a ceste quinzaine de Seint Johan le Baptiste, que mout nous en pays, nous voillez de vostre grant grace, avoir s'il vous plest excuse, que en espaire de vostre grace et de vostre conge demoroms por enbauder et comforter noz gentz, de lur pays defendre, et vos enemys, a lur venue, deboter, et quant que nous savoms ou pooms au defens et desturbaunce, voloms faire et mettre; et Dieux nous tesmoigne, que [si] ne fust la grant doute que nous avoms de destruccion de nostre pays, en nostre absence, prestement fuissoms venuz. Par quai, cher seigneur, les procuratours que por nous enveoms a vostre dit parlement, voillez, s'il vous plest, resceyvre; que ferme et estable averoms, quant que de commun assent a vostre honur, et profite de vostre terre, y serra ordene. Le haute Roi du cele vous doint bone vie et longe, et sauve et gard en corps et alme, a bon governaile de vostre poeple. Done a Middelham, le primer jour de Juyl. A.D. 1313. f. 93.

Memorandum.— Quod x°. die Julii, anno Domini M°ccc.xiij°. concessit Dominus xl. dies veniæ pro anima Matildæ, quondam consortis domini Jordani de Dalden', militis. Indulgence for 40 days for the soul of Matilda, the widow of Sir Jordan de Dalden.

Ad inquirendum de bonis Hospitalariorum. Petrus de Dene, canonicus Eboracensis, venerabilis patris, domini Willelmi, Dei gratia, Eboracensis archiepiscopi, Angliæ primatis, ipso extra suam agente diœcesim, vicarius generalis, et Johannes de Nassington', officialis curiæ Eboracensis, ejusdem ecclesiæ canonicus, venerabili in Christo patri, domino Ricardo, Dei gratia, Dunelmensi episcopo, salutem, cum reverentia et honore debitis Inquisition directed to be made concerning the goods of the Hospitalers.

A.D. 1313. tanto patri. Mandatum dicti venerabilis patris, archi- An. Episc. 3.
episcopi Eboracensis, recepimus, in hæc verba:—Willelmus, permissione divina, Eboracensis archiepiscopus, Angliæ primas, dilectis filiis, magistris Petro de Dene, nobis extra nostram diœcesim agentibus, vicario nostro generali, et Johanni de Nassington', officiali nostro Eboracensi, salutem, gratiam et benedictionem. Literam quamdam venerabilis patris, domini Arnaldi, Dei gratia, tituli Sanctæ Priscæ, presbyteri cardinalis, una cum quibusdam aliis suis literis, recepimus, tenorem qui sequitur continentem:—Si temporalitas Hospitalariorum, civitatum, diœcesis, et provinciæ, vestræ, in præstatione decimæ cujusque, reperiatur apud vos, officiales vestros, vel suffraganeos, vel eorum officiales, æstimata et taxata, quod diligenter ex causa volumus per vos perquiri, eam, vel si non reperiatur, valorem et æstimationem communem reddituum et proventuum ipsius temporalitatis, singillatim, prout Prior Generalis et singuli præceptores habent et tenent in singulis civitatibus diœcesis vestræ [et] provinciæ, præhabita per vos, alium, vel alios, informatione, prout vobis videbitur cautius et secretius facienda, nobis, per latorem præsentium, vel alium, quam citius, poteritis, transmittatis. Datum London', ij. kal. Julii.—Super contentis igitur in litera domini cardinalis prædicta inquiratis, absque moræ dispendio, cum omni, qua poteritis, diligentia veritatem; certificantes nos indilate super hiis quæ inveneritis in præmissis, per vestras clausas literas, harum seriem continentes. Valete. Datum apud Walmesford', vj. non. Julii, anno Gratiæ M°.CCC°.XIIJ°.—Quocirca, reverendæ paternitati vestræ, cum ea reverentia, qua decet, auctoritate nobis in hac parte demandata, injungimus et mandamus, quatenus dictum mandatum, juxta vim, formam, et effectum ejusdem, per vestras civitatem et diœcesim, secretius et cautius quo poteritis executioni celeri demandetis. Et quid feceritis et inveneritis in præmissis, nos, quam citius commode poteritis, reddatis plenius certiores, per vestras clausas

An. Episc. 3. literas harum seriem continentes. Datum apud Eboracum, sub sigillo officialitatis curiæ Eboracensis, quo ambo utimur in hac parte, nonis Julii, anno Gratiæ M.ccc. tertio decimo.—[Nos igitur de bonis temporalibus prædictorum Hospitalariorum inquiri diligentius et cautius, quo potuimus, facientes, per remissa nobis certificatoria invenimus, quod dicti Hospitalarii habent, in archidiaconatu Northumbriæ, domum de Chipburn', quæ, cum minutis ad eam pertinentibus, ad decem libras annis communibus æstimatur. Conservet vos Altissimus, et semper dirigat in honore. Datum apud Stoketon', xxx°. die Julii.] [1] A.D. 1313.

Submissio vicarii de Qwytingham. Quære ordinationem, de qua ista litera facit mentionem, inter chartas.

Submission of the vicar of Qwytingham according to the ordinance of the bishop of Durham.

Omnibus sanctæ matris ecclesiæ filiis, ad quos præsentes literæ pervenerint, frater Willelmus de Hurtheworth', canonicus Karliolensis, vicarius ecclesiæ parochialis de Quitingham, Dunelmensis diœcesis, salutem in Domino sempiternam. Noverit universitas vestra, quod, cum venerabilis pater et dominus, Ricardus, Dei gratia, Dunelmensis episcopus, de consensu religiosorum virorum, . . prioris et conventus Beatæ Mariæ Karliolensis, prædictam ecclesiam de Qwitingham in usus proprios canonice obtinentium ac de consensu mei, vicarii memorati, submittentis me pure, sponte, et simpliciter, pro me et successoribus meis futuris vicariis ecclesiæ antedictæ, ordinationi dicti patris in hac parte, auctoritate sua pontificali, statueret et ordinaret, ut vicarii, qui pro tempore fuerint in ecclesia antedicta, decimas omnes ad dictam ecclesiam pertinentes, decimis garbarum et medietate fœni decimalis duntaxat exceptis, pro portione et sustentatione sua in perpetuum perciperent et haberent, et, in recompensationem tantæ perceptionis, xij. marcas argenti singulis annis, ad duos anni terminos, videlicet, ad festa Pentecostes et Sancti Martini in hieme, pro æqualibus

[1] The words in brackets are written in the MS. at the foot of the page.

A.D. 1313. portionibus, prædictis religiosis, et eorum successoribus perpetuis temporibus solverent et præstarent, prout in ordinatione dicti patris plenius continetur; ego vicarius antedictus, habita deliberatione pleniori super ordinatione antedicta, dictam præstationem annuam, et impositionem ejusdem, pro me et successoribus meis, omnibus futuris vicariis in ecclesia antedicta, subeo et recognosco, et onus ejusdem in me suscipio, et ad dictam præstationem annuam, et solutionem ejusdem prædictis religiosis, et eorum successoribus, ac monasterio suo Karliolensi, prædictis terminis, perpetuis temporibus, juxta ordinationem dicti patris fideliter faciendam, me et successores meos omnes prædictos, ac vicariam meam prædictam, fructusque et pr oventus ejusdem, obligo et astringo, et dictam patris ordinationem, in hiis, et omnibus et singulis aliis articulis ejusdem, approbo et accepto, et eidem, pro me et successoribus meis prædictis, consentio et, in perpetuum stare promitto per præsentes. In cujus rei testimonium, quod sigillum meum est incognitum, sigillum prædicti patris, ad perpetuam rei memoriam, et evidentiam pleniorem, una cum sigillo meo, præsentibus apponi procuravi. Datum apud Aukland', vj. id. Julii, anno Domini, M°.CCC°. tertio decimo. An. Episc. 3.

f. 93 b. Answer to the inquisition relative to the defects of the church of Leek.

Responsio inquisitionis facta de defectibus ecclesiæ de Leek'. Quære mandatum hujus supra, vij. folio, sub hoc signo ∇°.

Venerabili in Christo patri, et domino, domino Ricardo, Dei gratia, Dunolmensi episcopo, Robertus de Brompton' [custos] spiritualitatis dicti patris in Alvertonshire, salutem, cum omni obedientia, reverentia et honore. Mandatum vestrum nuper recepi in hæc verba;—Ricardus, etc., [ut supra in folio septimo, sub hoc signo, etc.] Cujus auctoritate mandati, facta, secundum formam mandati vestri, inquisitione diligenti, vocatis primitus ad hoc, tam executoribus domini Willelmi de Bliburgh' prædicti, quam domino Willelmo de Handele, dictæ ecclesiæ rectore, ipso do-

An. Episc. 3. mino Willelmo de Handele, per Arnaldum de Alemania, A.D. 1313.
procuratorem suum, comparente, dictis vero executoribus nullo modo comparentibus, compertum est, per inquisitionem eandem, quod tempore quo dominus Willelmus de Bliburgh' dictam ecclesiam recepit, cancellum ejusdem minabatur ruinam, et quod omnes libri dictæ ecclesiæ tunc fuerunt insufficientes, et quod nunc unum Graduale, unum Ordinale et unum Psalterium, sunt sufficientia, et omnes alii libri sunt adhuc insufficientes; et quod una Legenda deficit, quæ asportabatur per latrones de custodia cujusdam Alani, clerici dictæ ecclesiæ. Et possunt defectus dictorum librorum reparari de ij. marcis. Et quod una longa domus, pro fœno, et carectis, et stabulo, et ara porcorum, et domo gallinarum, patitur nunc defectum; qui potest reparari de v. marcis. Et quod unum torale est prostratum, et potest reparari de xl. *s.*; et unum furnum deficit, et potest fieri de dimidio marcæ. Porta manerii patitur defectum, et potest reparari de x. *s.* Et in puteo aquæ est defectus, et potest reparari de una marca. In cælatura magnæ cameræ est defectus, et potest reparari de j. marca. In aula et coquina sunt defectus, qui possunt reparari de x. *s.* Et quod muri circa manerium possunt reparari de iij. *s.* Et bercaria de Sylton potest reparari de x. *s.* Defectus unius ollæ æneæ, unius mappæ, unius manutergii, possunt emendari de v. *s.* Et quod executores prædecessoris, domini Willelmi de Bliburgh' composuerunt cum ipso domino Willelmo pro defectibus librorum tantum; sed de quantitate seu receptione alicujus pecuniæ pro eisdem, penitus ignoratur. Et quod dictus dominus Willelmus de Bliburgh', dum fuit rector dictæ ecclesiæ de Leek', fecit fieri cancellum dictæ ecclesiæ de novo, ad valentiam, lxx. marcarum. Et quod emit unum vestimentum, cum tunica et dalmatica, pretii c. *s.* Et quod ædificavit de novo infra manerium dictæ ecclesiæ unam cameram, et unam cloacam de petra et calce, petra coopertas, cum uno camino de petra, pretii c. *s.*

A.D. 1313. et unam novam grangiam, pretii x. marcarum. Et sic mandatum vestrum in omnibus reverenter sum executus. Datum, apud Alverton', ix°. die mensis Julii, anno Domini millesimo ccc°.xiij°. An. Episc. 3.

Proclamation ordered to be made of the election of Geoffrey de Burdon as prior of Durham.

Proclamatio super electione prioris.

Ricardus, permissione divina,. Dunelmensis episcopus, dilecto filio, decano Christianitatis Dunelmensis, salutem, gratiam et benedictionem. Quia, vacante monasterio Dunolmensi, per cessionem laudabilis vitæ domini Willelmi, nuper prioris ejusdem, capitulum dicti monasterii dilectum filium, fratrem Galfridum de Burdon', confratrem et commonachum suum, in priorem sui monasterii elegerunt, nobisque electionem ipsam, et electi personam, infra diffinita tempora a canonibus præsentarunt, et confirmationem electionis suæ, cum instantia, postularunt, nos volentes in ipsius electionis negotio statuta canonica observare, prout convenit in hac parte, vobis committimus et mandamus, quatenus, infra duos dies a tempore receptionis præsentium, in ecclesia nostra cathedrali et conventuali Dunelmensi, proposito publicæ monitionis, et citationis edicto, si qui fuerint, qui electioni prædictæ, vel electo, se opponere voluerint qualitercunque, moneatis ipsos, et peremptorie citetis, quod compareant coram nobis, vel commissariis nostris in hac parte, die Sabbati proximo post festum Translationis Sancti Thomæ, videlicet, ij. id. Julii, in ecclesia Dunolmensi prædicta; quem diem eis pro termino peremptorio assignamus præcise et peremptorie; proposituri, objecturi, et ostensuri, quicquid canonicum habuerint in hac parte, et quod proponere, objicere, et ostendere, voluerint, contra electionis formam, et electi personam, quare non debeamus electionem hujusmodi, quantum in nobis est, et ad nos pertinet, confirmare. De die vero receptionis præsentium et qualiter mandatum præsens fueritis executi, nos dictis die et loco reddatis certiores, per vestras patentes literas, harum

An. Episc. 3. seriem continentes. Datum apud Aukland', vj°. die Julii, anno Domini etc. [M°.ccc^mo.] xiij°., et pontificatus nostri tertio. A.D. 1313.

Confirmatio ejusdem.

Confirmation by the bishop of Durham of the election of Geoffrey de Burdon as prior of Durham, in the room of William de Tanfeld resigned.

In Dei nomine, Amen, Vacante nuper prioratu monasterii Dunelmensis, per cessionem religiosi viri, dompni Willelmi de Tanfeld', quondam prioris ejusdem monasterii, et electione de te, Galfride de Burdon', ipsius monasterii monacho, et subpriore, facta, ad prioratum antedictum, sic vacantem, et nobis, Ricardo, Dei gratia, Dunelmensi episcopo, legitime præsentata, per dompnos Henricum de Castro et Gilbertum de Ellewik', dilectorum filiorum capituli dicti monasterii procuratores, in hac parte, speciales, electionem ipsam petentes per nos instantius confirmari, quod, ipsius electionis oblato processu, tuaque persona, diligenter examinatis, electionem de te factam rite, et canonice, et concorditer, jurisperitorum communicato consilio, invenimus esse celebratam ; factaque publica proclamatione, prout decet in hoc casu, et nullo oppositore, seu contradictore, in termino ad id peremptorie constituto, aliquatenus comparente, nos, qui in dicti monasterii successoribus[1] prosperis delectamur, sperantes firmiter ipsum, ductum consiliis, fultumque[2] præsidiis, salubriter posse gubernari, ac, divina favente clementia, in spiritualibus et temporalibus per sollicitudinis tui studium incrementis felicibus augmentari, invocata Spiritus Sancti gratia, ipsam electionem, de te factam, auctoritate ordinaria, approbamus et sententialiter confirmamus, teque admittimus in priorem monasterii Dunelmensis, ejusdem curam et regimen, tam in spiritualibus quam in temporalibus, tibi libere, plene, et [ ] committentes.

Obedientia domini prioris Dunelmensis.

f. 94. Obedience of Geoffrey de Burdon, prior of

In Dei nomine, Amen. Ego, Galfridus de Burdon', prior monasterii Dunelmensis, ero fidelis et obediens, vobis, pater reve-

[1] *successoribus*] "successibus" ? | [2] *fultum*] "sultum," in MS.

A.D. 1313. Durham, to the bishop.

rende, domino Ricardo, Dei gratia, Dunelmensi episcopo, et vestris successoribus, canonice intrantibus, vestrisque officialibus et ministris, in licitis et canonicis mandatis. Sic me Deus adjuvet, et hæc sancta Dei Evangelia. An. Episc. 3.

Letter of the bishop to the chapter and convent of Durham relative to the resignation of prior William de Tanfeld, and the election in his stead of Geoffrey de Burdon.

Litera missa capitulo et conventui Dunelmensibus.

Ricardus, Dei gratia, Dunelmensis episcopus, dilectis filiis, capitulo nostri monasterii Dunelmensis, ac universis et singulis monachis dicti capituli, seu conventus, salutem, gratiam, et benedictionem. Vacante nuper prioratu dicti monasterii Dunelmensis per cessionem religiosi viri, dompni Willelmi de Tanfeld', quondam prioris ejusdem monasterii, factaque electione de dompno Galfrido de Burdon', ipsius monasterii monacho et subpriore, ad prioratum Dunelmensem antedictum, et nobis præsentata, examinatisque diligenter, tam ipsa electione et ipsius processu, quam persona electi, debito juris ordine, juxta ipsius negotii qualitatem et naturam, in omnibus observato, quia electionem ipsam de præfato dompno Galfrido, viro utique moribus et scientia, aliarumque virtutum, titulo multipliciter insignito, ac in spiritualibus et temporalibus circumspecto, invenimus rite, canonice, et concorditer, esse celebratam præfatam electionem, jurisperitorum communicato consilio, auctoritate ordinaria duximus confirmandam, et eundem dominum Galfridum dicto monasterio admisimus in priorem, curam et administrationem ejusdem prioratus, tam in spiritualibus, quam temporalibus, eidem libere committentes. Quocirca, vobis omnibus et singulis, in virtute sanctæ obedientiæ, firmiter injungimus et mandamus, quatenus eundem dominum Galfridum in priorem vestrum promptis recipientes benevolentia pariter et affectu, in licitis mandatis, et canonicis, prout tenemini, humiliter et devote pareatis eidem, ac etiam intendatis. Valete. Datum apud Dunelmum, xiiij°. die Julii, anno Domini M°.ccc°. tertio decimo, et pontificatus nostri tertio.

An. Episc. 3. Collatio ecclesiæ de Seggefeld.

Ricardus, permissione divina, Dunolmensis episcopus, dilecto filio, Thomæ de Hessewell', salutem, gratiam et benedictionem. Morum honestas, et tuæ laudabilis conversationis merita, super quibus tibi credibilia testimonia suffragantur, nos excitant et inducunt, ut personam tuam prosequi debeamus gratia et favore. Hinc est, quod ecclesiam de Seggefeld, vacantem, et ad nostram collationem pleno jure spectantem, cum suis juribus et pertinentiis universis tibi conferimus, intuitu caritatis, teque annulo nostro investimus præsentialiter de eisdem. In cujus rei testimonium, etc. Datum apud Stoketon', xxvj°. die mensis Julii, anno Domini M.ccc°. tertio decimo, et pontificatus nostri tertio.

A.D. 1313. Collation of Thomas de Hessewell to the church of Seggefeld.

Inductio super eadem.

Ricardus, etc., domino . ., archidiacono Dunelmensi, seu . . ejus officiali, salutem, gratiam et benedictionem. Quia dilecto filio nostro, Thomæ de Hessewell', ecclesiam de Seggefeld', vacantem, et ad collationem nostram pleno jure spectantem, intuitu caritatis, duximus conferendam, ipsumque rectorem instituimus in eadem, vobis mandamus, quatenus eundem Thomam, seu procuratorem ipsius, in corporalem ipsius ecclesiæ possessionem inducatis, et inductum, prout convenit, defendatis. Valete. Datum apud Stoketon', xxix°. die mensis Julii, pontificatus nostri anno tertio.

Mandate for the induction of Thomas de Hessewell into the rectory of Seggefeld.

Literæ dimissoriæ.

Ricardus, etc., dilecto filio, Johanni de Massam, salutem, gratiam et benedictionem. Devotionis tuæ precibus inclinati, ut a quocunque episcopo catholico, sedis apostolicæ gratiam obtinente, ad minores, quos nondum recepisti, et omnes majores, ordines libere valeas promoveri, eo non obstante, quod de nostra diœcesi oriundus existas, dum tamen sufficientem titulum exhibeas, et aliud canonicum non obsistat ei hujusmodi ordines conferendi, et tibi recipiendi, liberam concedimus facultatem. In cujus rei

Letters dimissory in favour of John de Massam.

A.D. 1313. testimonium, etc. Datum apud Stoketon, xxv. die mensis Julii, anno Domini M°.ccc°. tertio decimo, et pontificatus nostri tertio. An. Episc. 3.

Mandate of Peter de Den' relative to the collection of procurations for Arnaldo, cardinal priest of S. Prisca.

Mandatum magistri Petri de Den' pro procurationibus Cardinalis.

Venerabili in Christo patri, domino . ., Dei gratia, episcopo Dunolmensi, collectori procurationum reverendi patris, domini Arnaldi, Dei gratia, tituli Sanctæ Priscæ, presbyteri cardinalis, apostolicæ sedis nuncii, per venerabilem patrem, dominum Willelmum, Dei gratia, Eboracensem archiepiscopum, Angliæ primatem, in Dunolmensibus civitate et diœcesi deputato, seu ejus vicario generali, aut locum tenenti, Petrus de Den', canonicus Eboracensis ecclesiæ, prædicti domini archiepiscopi, extra suam diœcesim agentis, vicarius generalis, salutem, cum reverentia et honore debitis tanto patri. Literas domini archiepiscopi supradicti, xxii. die Julii, apud Eboracum recepimus, tenorem qui sequitur continentes:—Willelmus, permissione divina, Eboracensis archiepiscopus, Angliæ primas, dilecto filio magistro Petro de Den', nobis, extra nostram diœcesim agentibus, vicario nostro generali salutem, gratiam et benedictionem. Literas venerabilis patris, domini Arnaldi, Dei gratia, tituli Sanctæ Priscæ, presbyteri cardinalis, apostolicæ sedis nuncii, xvj°. die mensis Julii, apud Hakeney, recepimus, tenorem qui sequitur continentes:—Venerabili in Christo patri, domino . ., Dei gratia, archiepiscopo Eboracensi, frater Arnaldus, miseratione
f. 94 b. divina, tituli Sanctæ Priscæ, presbyter cardinalis, apostolicæ sedis nuncius, salutem in Domino. Cum super procurationibus nostris, in civitate, diœcesi et provincia, vestris, per vos collectis et colligendis, necnon de prælatis, rectoribus, capitulis, et conventibus ecclesiarum et monasteriorum, et aliorum locorum, ac personis ecclesiasticis quibuscunque, civitatis, diœcesis et provinciæ, prædictarum, qui ipsas solverunt, vel non solverunt, per quaternos seu rotulos, vel registra, de hiis

An. Episc. 3. confecta, volumus habere notitiam, et audire compotum, et plenariam, sicut expedit, rationem, volumus, vobisque, auctoritate apostolica nobis in hac parte concessa, in virtute sanctæ obedientiæ, ac sub pœna nostro arbitrio infligenda, districte præcipiendo, mandamus, quatenus, omni mora postposita, per vos, seu collectores vel subcollectores vestros, vel alium seu alios, super præmissis sufficienter instructos, cum prædictis quaternis, rotulis, seu registris, apud London', coram nobis, vel discretis viris, magistris Guillelmo de Bealeto, archidiacono Forojuliensi, domini papæ capellano, et Johanne de Turleria, rectore ecclesiæ de Quilhanton', Narbonensis diœcesis, dilecto capellano et familiari nostro, procuratoribus nostris, vel eorum altero, quos ad audiendum compotum et rationem hujusmodi duximus deputandos, in hospitio nostro, vel decani Londoniensis, in quo dicti procuratores morantur, comparere curetis; ut, tam ex relatione vestra, quam ex inspectione dictorum quaternorum, rotulorum, seu registrorum, de procurationibus ipsis solutis et solvendis, et a quibus, et qualiter, et de ipsarum residuis, ac circumstantiis universis, rationem et compotum clare et distincte recipere, et informationem habere plenariam, valeamus; vosque quicquid de procurationibus hujusmodi collectum fuerit, vobiscum integre deferatis vel deferri et assignari nobis, seu procuratoribus nostris prædictis, vel eorum alteri, per fidelem nuncium, sub fida et secura custodia procuretis. Cæterum, vobis, auctoritate prædicta, præsentium tenore committimus, quatenus contra collectores seu subcollectores præfatos, exemptos et non exemptos, si super prædictis vobis inobedientes fuerint, vel rebelles, ad suspensionis, et excommunicationis, et interdicti, sententias, et alias pœnas canonicas, nec non contra illos qui procurationes nobis debitas, in præfixis eis ad hoc peremptoriis terminis, per processus nostros super hoc habitos, non solvant, ad publicationem et denunciationem sententiarum, ob hoc, in eos et eorum ecclesias A.D. 1313.

A.D. 1313. promulgatarum, et subtractionem fructuum, et reddituum, et beneficiorum suorum ecclesiasticorum, et ad aggravationem dictarum sententiarum, prout contumaciæ ipsorum protervia exiget, procedatis; pro firmo scituri, quod si super exequendis præmissis fueritis negligentes, contra vos infallibiliter procedemus, et procedi per alios faciemus, sicut viderimus expedire. Has autem literas registrari fecimus, ad cautelam; de quarum præsentatione, latori præsentium, nuncio nostro jurato, adhibebimus plenam fidem. Datum London', die xv°. mensis Julii, anno Domini M°.ccc°. tertio decimo, pontificatus domini Clementis, papæ, Quinti, anno octavo.—Volentes itaque mandatis venerabilis patris prædicti, in hac parte, ut tenemur, humiliter obedire, discretioni vestræ committimus et mandamus, quatenus omnia et singula in prædictis literis contenta diligenter exequamini, vice nostra, ita quod a pœnis in prædictis literis comminatis, quæ circa dictum negotium poterunt imminere, immunes conservemur totaliter, et indemnes; certificantes nos super hiis quæ feceritis in præmissis, et qualiter hoc nostrum mandatum fueritis executi, quam cito commode poteritis, distincte et aperte, per vestras patentes literas harum seriem continentes. Valete. Datum apud Hakeney, xvij. kal. Augusti anno Gratiæ M°.ccc°. tertio decimo, et pontificatus nostri octavo.— An. Episc. 3.

Volentes itaque mandatum domini cardinalis prædicti, præfato domino archiepiscopo datum, diligenter exequi, prout nobis injungitur et mandatur, vobis, in virtute obedientiæ, cum ea qua decet reverentia, firmiter injungendo mandamus, quatenus suprascriptum domini cardinalis mandatum, per vos, seu collectores vel subcollectores vestros, vel alium seu alios, super præmissis sufficienter instructos, apud London', in forma ejusdem mandati comparendo, ac rationem seu compotum reddendo, necnon quicquid de hujusmodi procurationibus collectum fuerit, ad civitatem London', per fidelem nuncium, sub fida et secura custodia, in-

An. Episc. 3. tegre deferendo, seu deferri faciendo, ac etiam assignando, et omnia alia quæ continentur in mandato hujusmodi adimplendo, quatenus vos civitatem et diœcesim vestram contingunt, omni mora postposita, exequamini diligenter, ne contra vos ad censuras seu pœnas canonicas præfatus dominus archiepiscopus procedere compellatur. De die vero receptionis præsentium et quid feceritis in præmissis dictum dominum archiepiscopum distincte et aperte certificetis, absque dilatione quacunque per literas vestras patentes, harum seriem continentes. Datum apud Eboracum, xxiij. die Julii, anno Domini millesimo trecentesimo tertio decimo. A.D. 1313.

Ut non admittatur excommunicatus ad agendum.

f. 95. Mandate to the justices of the bishop of Durham, directing them not to allow William, called Kylpyn, excommunicated for his offences, to plead before them.

Ricardus, permissione divina, etc., dilectis et fidelibus suis, Hugoni de Louther, et consociis suis, justiciariis nostris, salutem, gratiam et benedictionem. Literas . . officialis domini . . archidiaconi Dunolmensis, apud Stoketon, xxvj°. die Julii inspeximus, tenorem qui sequitur continentes :—Universis Christi fidelibus, tenorem præsentium inspecturis, . . officialis . . domini . . archidiaconi Dunolmensis, salutem in omnium Salvatore. Quum excommunicatorum nomina expedit esse nota, ut, rubore confusi, citius ad reconciliationis gratiam inclinentur, ac Willelmus, dictus "Kylpyn," de Derlington', propter suam manifestam offensam, ad instantiam Thomæ le Breuster, coram nobis contractam, auctoritate nostra majoris excommunicationis sententia extitit involutus; id universitati vestræ, tenore præsentium, intimamus, ut, quoad ipsius communicationem evitandam, id quod animæ suæ salubre fuerit faciatis. In cujus rei testimonium, sigillum meum præsentibus est appensum. Datum Dunelmi, vij. kal. Augusti, anno Domini M.ccc. decimo tertio.—Quocirca, sub pœna censuræ ecclesiasticæ, vos monemus, quod dictum Willelmum, usquequo in forma ecclesiæ fuerit absolutus ad agendum, testificandum, seu patrocinandum, in judicio,

A.D. 1313. coram vobis nullatenus permittatis.[1] Valete. Datum apud Stoketon, xxvj°. die mensis Julii, anno Domini supradicto, et pontificatus nostri tertio. An. Episc. 8.

Mandate condemnatory of those who wrongfully detain from the vicar of Gaynesford the tithes of hay which belong to him.

Contra detinentes decimam fœni. Ricardus, permissione divina, etc., dilectis filiis, de Gaynesford', Staynedrop', et Castri Bernardi, ecclesiarum capellanis parochialibus, salutem, gratiam et benedictionem.—Sua nobis perpetuus vicarius ecclesiæ de Gaynesford, nostræ diœcesis, gravi conquestione monstravit quod licet decima fœni infra parochiam ecclesiæ de Gaynesford supradictæ, undecunque provenientis, et ipsius fœni perceptio, ad ipsum, vicariæ suæ nomine, notorie spectare noscatur, ac ipse et vicarii, prædecessores sui, a tempore cujus contrarii memoria non existit, in pacifica fuerint possessione percipiendi decimam antedictam; quidam tamen iniquitatis filii, quorum nomina ignorantur, suæ salutis immemores, Dei timore contempto, et ipsius ac ecclesiæ universalis abjecta reverentia, præfatum . . vicarium, et alios, suo nomine, decimam fœni provenientis de parco Castri Bernardi, et de foresta de Morewode, infra parochiam de Gaynesford' existentibus, antedictam, colligendi, cariandi, et alias, prout justum esset, disponendi de eadem, non solum perturbare, molestare et impedire, præsumunt, sed ipsam decimam scienter, contra ipsius . . vicarii conscientiam et voluntatem, ausu quodam temerario, distrahere vendere et alienare, non formidant; ejusdem fœni pretium in suos usus proprios convertentes, sic ipsum vicarium, et vicariam suam antedictam, temere spoliando, in ipsius . . vicarii, damnum non modicum, injuriam, et gravamen, et in animarum suarum periculum, ac elusionem libertatis ecclesiasticæ, et ecclesiæ universalis contemptum manifestum, propter [quod] in majoris excommunicationis sententiam, contra hujusmodi violatores et infringentes libertates ecclesiæ, ac hujusmodi temerarios præsump-

[1] *permittatis*] "omittatis" in MS.

An. Episc. 3. tores proinde promulgatam, damnabiliter inciderunt. A.D. 1313.
Quocirca, nos ecclesias et personas ecclesiasticas in jure suo defendere et tueri, injuriasque illatas eisdem ulcisci,[1] ut est opus, et præsumpt[uos]as hujusmodi audacias refrænare, volentes, ut tenemur vobis, et vestrum cuilibet, in virtute obedientiæ, firmiter injungimus et mandamus, quatenus in ecclesiis vestris, diebus solemnibus et festivis, intra missarum solemnia, parochianos vestros omnes et singulos, in genere, moneatis, quod ab hujusmodi perturbatione, molestatione, et impedimento, desistant, præfatum vicarium, seu alium vel alios, ejus nomine, decimam fœni antedicti integre colligere, et disponere de eadem, absque difficultate qualibet, libere permittentes, sub majoris excommunicationis pœna, quam in contravenientes, ex nunc ut ex tunc, proferimus in hiis scriptis; mandantes vobis nihilominus, quod in ecclesiis vestris, diebus et horis supradictis, illos omnes et singulos, qui præfatum vicarium, seu alium vel alios, ejus nomine, præfatam decimam fœni colligere, ut præmittitur, perturbarunt hactenus, molestarunt, seu impediverunt, ac eorum fautores et auctores, seu dantes eis consilium, opem, vel operam, in præmissis, in dictam majoris excommunicationis sententiam incidisse, et sic excommunicatos esse, pulsatis campanis, accensisque candelis, in genere, publice nuncietis; inquirentes diligenter de nominibus eorundem, de quibus cum vobis constiterit, citetis eosdem peremptorie, quod compareant coram . . officiali nostro, vel ejus commissario generali, in Galilea Dunelmi, tam super sibi, ex officio, quam per dictum . . vicarium, objiciendis, responsuri, facturique et recepturi, quod justitia suadebit. Quid autem in præmissis feceritis, et de nominibus citatorum, cum per vicarium prædictum fueritis requisiti, . . officialem nostrum prædictum, vel commissarium generalem, per vestras, etc. Datum apud Stoketon', xxvij. die mensis Julii, pontificatus nostri anno tertio.

[1] *ulcisci*] "ulcii" in MS.

A.D. 1313. f. 95 b. Declaration of the archbishop of York relative to the procurations claimed by Arnaldo cardinal priest of St. Prisca.

Declaratio super procurationibus cardinalis petendis.

An. Episc. 3.

Willelmus, permissione divina, Eboracensis archiepiscopus, Angliæ primas, venerabili fratri et domino, Ricardo, Dei gratia, Dunolmensi episcopo, salutem, ac fraternæ caritatis in Domino continuum incrementum. Literas venerabilis patris, domini Arnaldi, Dei gratia, tituli Sanctæ Priscæ, presbyteri cardinalis, apostolicæ sedis nuncii, recepimus, tenorem, qui sequitur, continentes:—Frater Arnaldus, miseratione divina, tituli Sanctæ Priscæ, presbyter cardinalis, apostolicæ sedis nuncius, venerabili in Christo patri, domino . . . . Dei gratia, archiepiscopo Eboracensi, salutem in Domino. Noveritis quod nuper, ad instantiam, bonæ memoriæ, domini Roberti, archiepiscopi Cantuariensis, super quibusdam dubiis, quæ, occasione literarum nostrarum eidem, super petendis et recipiendis pro nobis procurationibus in Cantuariensi provincia, per nos directarum recollegerat, ea nobis per suas literas exprimendo, et petendo super ipsis nostras declarationem et responsionem sibi dari, nos declarationes et responsiones nostras, ad illa dubia, eidem archiepiscopo transmisimus, per nostras patentes literas, nostri sigilli munimine roboratas, quarum tenor talis est:—Frater Arnaldus, miseratione divina, tituli Sanctæ Priscæ, presbyter cardinalis, apostolicæ sedis nuncius, venerabili in Christo patri, domino, . . . Dei gratia, archiepiscopo Cantuariensi, salutem in Domino. Noveritis nos, undecima die præsentis mensis Maii, London', vestras literas recepisse, quas magister Henricus de Derby, vester clericus, præsentavit; in quibus continebatur, in[ter] cætera, quod vos literas nostras, super procurationibus vobis, et aliis prælatis et personis ecclesiasticis, per vestram Cantuariensem provinciam, constitutis, per nos impositis et indictis, nuper, nonis Maii, apud Otteford', receperatis, quædam dubia et obscura, ut vobis videbatur, inter cætera continentes, videlicet, in illa clausula quæ sic incipit;—" Quocirca, etc.," in illis verbis quæ sequuntur;

An. Episc. 3. —"cum necessariis et moderatis expensis, etc;" quia A.D. 1313.
non exprimitur quibus debeant applicari expensæ prædictæ, vel de quibus intelligi. Item, in alia clausula, quæ sic incipit:—"Quod si forte ex locis, monasteriis "personis, etc.," pro eo quod in ea parte qua dicitur "fructus, proventus, etc., tenues et exiles," non constat per expressionem aliquam de quibus personis vel beneficiis debeant exigi xij. marcæ, vel tres denarii pro marca, vel quæ beneficia debeant reputari exilia vel majora. Item, quia in illa bulla concessoria, et in alia, executoria, non specificatur de rectoribus, licet in dictis nostris literis executoriis de rectoribus exprimatur. Item, quia assumitur per nos potestas imponendi procurationes tales de quibus agitur, cum non sit hujusmodi potestas attributa per bullas, ut videtur. Item, nunquam fuit visum, auditum, vel consuetum, quod in procurationibus cardinalium legatorum, seu nunciorum sedis apostolicæ quorumcunque, simplices rectores aliqualiter fuerint onerati. Item, quod impossibile videtur exequi dictas literas infra tempus tam breve, cum Cantuariensis provincia sit ampla, pariter et diffusa. Super quibus obscuris ac ambiguis, ac temporis brevitate, nos rogastis et requisistis humiliter, quatenus hujusmodi obscura et ambigua dignaremur benigne interpretari et favorabiliter declarare, pro dicti negotii expeditione felici et prospera consequenda; et quod nostram declarationem, seu interpretationem, vobis, [per] prædictum magistrum Henricum mitteremus. Ad quæ omnia supradicta, deliberato consilio cum reverendis patribus dominis Arnaldo, episcopo Albanensi, et Guillelmo Testa, sanctæ Romanæ ecclesiæ cardinali, et aliis discretis viris, per ordinem, in modum qui sequitur respondemus; volentes quod, ad vestrum dubium totaliter removendum, prædicta clausula, videlicet, "cum necessariis et moderatis ex- "pensis," pro non apposita habeatur. Secundum autem dubium, videlicet, istius clausulæ, "Quod si forte, etc.," sic breviter declaramus; quod illa loca, monasteria, et per-

A.D. 1313. sonæ, ac ecclesiæ seu beneficia, quorum fructus, redditus, proventus, et obventiones, ecclesiastici, ad summam ducentarum librarum sterlingorum, vel ultra, ascendunt, secundum taxationem decimæ nunc currentis, integram summam duodecim marcarum sterlingorum, pro prædictis nostris procurationibus, solvere teneantur. Reliqua autem loca, monasteria personæ, ac ecclesiæ seu beneficia, quorum fructus, redditus, proventus, [et] obventiones, ecclesiastici, infra dictam summam ducentarum librarum, secundum taxationem decimæ prædictæ, consistunt, tres denarios pro qualibet marca solvere, vel contribuere, pro dictis nostris procurationibus, teneantur. Salvis tamen, et exceptis, illis locis et personis, quæ in prædictis literis nostris a nostris procurationibus sunt excepta. Super tertio autem dubio, videlicet, quod in illa bulla concessoria, et in alia executoria, non specificatur de rectoribus, etc.; respondemus, quod, licet in prædictis literis papalibus non exprimatur specifice de rectoribus, tamen absque dubio, sub verbis illis, "et eccle- "siasticis personis, etc.," quæ sunt in litera concessoria, et in illis, videlicet, "et alias personas ecclesiasticas, etc.," quæ sunt in litera executoria, comprehenduntur, ac etiam includuntur. Ad quartum vero dubium, scilicet,— An. Episc. 3.

f. 96. "Item, quia assumitur potestas imponendi, etc.," sic duximus respondendum, quod in nostris prædictis literis verbum impositionis nullatenus reperitur; propter quod non debuit ex hoc aliquod dubium revocari, licet, virtute dictarum literarum papalium, si mens et effectus earum diligentius attendantur, processus noster expresso impositionis vocabulo fieri potuisset. Super quinto autem dubio, videlicet, "Item, nunquam fuit visum, "etc.," dicimus de facto contrarium esse verum, prout ad nostram informationem vidimus in registris aliorum cardinalium, nunciorum sedis apostolicæ, contineri; et de jure communi ad hoc tenentur, ac etiam virtute dictarum papalium literarum. Ad sextum et ultimum, scilicet, "quod impossibile videtur, etc.," respondendo

An. Episc. 3. dicimus, quod dilatio, seu terminus viginti dierum, in nostris literis comprehensus, brevis non debet reputari, si attendatur diligenter dictarum nostrarum series literarum; cum a monitione vestra, vel dictarum nostrarum literarum notitia, ille terminus debeat computari, et vos monitiones, quæ mandantur in nostra litera, omni mora postposita, absque limitatione certi temporis, exequi debeatis. Et quia, ante festum Nativitatis Domini proximo præteritum, plures ex episcopis vestræ provinciæ, et officiales vestri, ac procuratores multorum absentium prælatorum, tunc præsentes London', coram nobis, et ex tunc plures, certiorati fuerunt, lectis eis prædictis papalibus literis, quod procurationes pro nobis levare et recipere volebamus. Quod tamen, ad eorum supplicationem et instantiam, in sufferentia posuimus usque modo. Quare vos requirimus et monemus, auctoritate qua fungimur, in hac parte, quatinus, juxta nostras declarationes et responsiones prædictas, ad executionem dictarum nostrarum literarum, absque moræ dispendio, prout in eis vobis injungitur, et ad vos pertinet, procedatis, taliter quod de obedientia, diligentia et sollicitudine, vos possimus merito commendare, et ne, propter vestram, vel vestrorum, moram seu negligentiam aliquem in nostris necessariis patiamur defectum, propter quem cogamur arctius procedere in præmissis. In cujus rei testimonium, præsentes patentes literas fieri fecimus, et sigilli nostri appensione muniri. Datum London', die duodecima mensis Maii, anno Domini M°.ccc°. tertio decimo pontificatus domini Clementis, papæ, Quinti, anno octavo. Eapropter, volumus et mandamus, quatenus, si super tenore nostrarum literarum, [super] petendis et recipiendis pro nobis procurationibus in vestris civitate et diœcesi, vobis per nos, auctoritate, apostolica, directarum, aliqua de prædictis dubiis habueritis, vos illa, juxta prædictas declarationes et responsiones, intelligendo, dictas literas vobis directas, et contenta in eis, celeriter executioni debitæ demandetis. In cujus A.D. 1313

A.D. 1313 rei testimonium, præsentes literas fieri fecimus, et sigilli nostri appensione muniri. Datum London', idibus Maii, anno Domini M°.ccc°. tertio decimo, Indictione undecima, pontificatus domini Clementis, papæ, Quinti, anno octavo. Cum itaque vobis ad colligendum et conservandum, in vestra diœcesi, procurationes hujusmodi, auctoritate mandati dictis patris, prius nobis super hoc directi, commiserimus vices nostras, vobis præmissas suas literas insinuamus et notificamus; mandantes quatenus, juxta declarationes et interpretationes, seu responsiones, dicti patris, in præmissis suis literis contentas, de personis et locis vestræ diœcesis, in prioribus suis literis comprehensis, celeriter levare, et fideliter, conservare, curetis; et cætera quæ nobis, ex mandato ejusdem patris, in hac parte, incumbunt, infra vestram diœcesim, efficaciter exequamini, vice nostra. Valeat vestra fraternitas reverenda, per tempora feliciter successiva. Datum apud Wylton', x. kal. Julii, anno gratiæ M°.ccc°. tertio decimo et pontificatus nostri octavo. An. Episc. 3.

Indulgence of 40 days for the souls of John de Byrteley, his wife, and their children.

Indulgentia.

Memorandum, quod dominus episcopus primo die mensis Augusti, anno Domini, etc., tertio decimo, concessit quadraginta dies indulgentiæ pro animabus Johannis de Byrteley, uxoris ejus, ac eorum liberorum; quorum corpora in cœmeterio ecclesiæ parochialis Cestr' quiescunt humata.

Mandate to deliver William Aspor from prison, who had been excommunicated by the bishop for offences against the hospital of Shirburn.

Litera deliberationis Willelmi Aspor capti per quamdam captionem et incarcerati.

Ricardus, etc., dilecto et fideli suo, vicecomiti nostro Dunolmensi, salutem. Quia Willelmus Aspor de Corneford', quem, propter suam offensam manifestam, ad instantiam magistri et fratrum Hospitalis de Shirburn', contractam, auctoritate nostra ordinaria, excommunicatum, pro eo quod hujusmodi sententiam per quadraginta dies animo sustinuit indurato, per brachium sæculare justitiari mandavimus, secundum consuetudinem nostræ regiæ libertatis, jam ad gremium ecclesiæ red-

An. Episc. 8. iens, in forma juris, est ab hujusmodi sententia, ut accepimus, absolutus, vobis mandamus, quod eum a custodia carcerali, in qua, dicta occasione, detentus extitit, vel existit, sine moræ dispendio liberetis. Valete. Datum apud Stoketon', iij°. die Augusti, pontificatus nostri anno tertio. A.D. 1313.

Mandatum cancellario Dunolmensi pro excommunicato capiendo.

Memorandum, quod, iij. die mensis Augusti, mandatum fuit cancellario Dunolmensi, ad Willelmum de Moreton' capiendum, pro suis contumacia et offensis, ad instantiam Radulphi de Corneford', et Willelmi Kynk', executorum testamenti Agnetis, quondam uxoris Radulphi Coke, defunctæ, contractis. Mandate to the chancellor of Durham for the capture of William de Moreton for his offences and contumacy.

Literæ dimissoriæ.

Memorandum, quod, v. die mensis Augusti, anno Domini M.ccc. tertio decimo, Hugo de Tossen habuit literas dimissorias, ad recipiendum omnes sacros ordines quos nondum receperat, a quocunque episcopo regni Angliæ, ordinis executionem habente, et gratiam sedis apostolicæ obtinente. f. 96 b. Letters dimissory granted to Hugh de Tossen.

Citatio pro hospitali de Shirburn', super limitibus parochiarum.

Ricardus, permissione divina, Dunolmensis episcopus, dilecto filio, decano Christianitatis Dunelmensis, salutem. Cum super limitibus distinguentibus parochias ecclesiarum de Kellawe, Myddelham, et Sancti Oswaldi, juxta Dunelmum, per viros fidedignos dictarum parochiarum, et locorum adjacentium, de consensu communi tam priorum Dunolmensis et de Feynkhale, et conventuum locorum prædictorum, dictas ecclesias Sancti Oswaldi et Middelham quam magistri hospitalis de Shirburn', præfatam ecclesiam de Kellawe, in usus proprios obtinentium, ad id electos, certis die et loco, ad hoc ipsis partibus assignatis, inquisitionem fieri fecimus diligentem, quæ ipsos limites clarissime dividit et distinguit; volentes jurgiorum et dissensionum in Mandate to enquire into the bounds of the parishes of Kellawe, Myddelham, and St. Oswald, near Durham, in relation to the matter between the priors of Durham and Fynkhale, and the master of the hospital of Shirburn.

A.D. 1313. hac parte materiam amputare, propter majora dispendia, An. Episc. 8.
quæ, nisi citius occurratur eisdem, exinde conspicimus proventura, vobis mandamus, quatenus citetis dictos priores, et conventus suos, peremptorie, quod compareant coram nobis, vel commissariis nostris, aut commissario, in Galilea Dunelmi, die Martis proxima post festum Sancti Laurentii martyris, in dicto negotio processuri, ac quicquid pro se habeant, quare ad declarationem limitum hujusmodi, juxta inquisitionem præfatam, in quam consenserunt, procedere minime debeamus, et, si quid contra ipsam inquisitionem, aut in negotio ipso, pro se proponendum habuerint, proposituri, pro termino peremptorio et præciso; ac pronunciationem super hiis, si liqueat, audituri, facturi per omnia quod juris fuerit, et rationi consonum secundum qualitatem ipsius negotii et naturam: certificantes nos, aut commissarios nostros, vel commissarium, super præsentis executione mandati, ad dictos diem et locum, per vestras patentes literas harum seriem continentes. Datum apud Stoketon', vj°. die mensis Augusti anno Domini M°.ccc°. tertio decimo et pontificatus nostri tertio.

Commission to determine the matter in issue relative to the bounds of the parishes of Kellawe, Myddelham, and St. Oswald near Durham.

Commissio ejusdem.

Ricardus, etc., dilectis filiis . . officiali nostro Dunelmensi, et ejus commissario generali, salutem, gratiam et benedictionem. In negotio quod coram nobis vertitur, seu verti speratur, super divisione et distinctione parochiarum ecclesiarum parochialium de Kellawe, Myddelham, et Sancti Oswaldi juxta Dunelmum, ac limitibus earundem, vobis, de quorum circumspectionis industria ad plenum confidimus, cum plena potestate procedendi, cognoscendi, pronunciandi et exequendi, tam ad instantiam partium, quam ex officio, committimus vices nostras, cum coercionis cujuslibet potestate. Valete. Datum apud Stoketon', vij°. die mensis Augusti, anno Domini M°. ccc°. tertio decimo et pontificatus nostri tertio.

An. Episc. 3. Citatio super cantaria del Clos'.

A.D. 1313. Citation relative to the chantry "del Clos," near Wyc-chestre.

Ricardus, permissione divina, etc., dilecto filio, archidiacono Northumbriæ, salutem, gratiam et benedictionem. Quia dominus Johannes Abel, capellanus, negotium præsentationis ad cantariam del Clos', juxta Wytchestre, de eo factæ, coram nobis, juxta formam citationis sibi factæ, de qua, per patentes literas decani Novi Castri, nobis constitit, non est, ut debuit, prosecutus,[1] nec per se, seu alium, comparuit coram nobis, die et loco in ipsa citatione contentis, propositurus et ostensurus, et jura et rationes, si quæ vel quas haberet, quare Laurentium de Hunnyngburn', ad dictam cantariam nobis præsentatum, admittere minime deberemus ad eandem, licet contra dictum Johannem, in contumaciæ suæ pœnam, ulterius procedere potuissemus, justitia suadente, secum tamen gratiosius agere volentes in hac parte; vobis injungimus et mandamus, quatenus supradictum dominum Johannem citetis peremptorie, quod compareat coram nobis, vel commissariis nostris, uno vel pluribus, in Galilea Dunelmi, die Martis proxima ante festum Assumptionis Beatæ Mariæ Virginis, dictum negotium præsentationis suæ prosecuturus, si sua viderit interesse, ac jura et rationes, si [quæ vel] quas habeat, quare supradictum Laurentium ad prædictam cantariam admittere minime debeamus, præcise et peremptorie propositurus, et ostensurus, ulteriusque facturus et recepturus, in hac parte, quod justitia suadebit; et nunciantes nihilominus dicto Johanni, quod si ad diem et locum non venerit supradictos, præfatum Laurentium ad dictam cantariam, prout de jure poterimus, admittemus. Quid autem in præmissis feceritis, nos vel commissarios nostros, unum vel plures, dictis die et loco, per vestras patentes literas, harum seriem continentes, reddatis certiores. Datum apud Stokton', vj°. die mensis

[1] *prosecutus*] "prosecutis" in MS.

A.D. 1313. Augusti, anno Domini M°.CCC°. tertio decimo et pontificatus nostri tertio. An. Episc. 3.

Indulgence of 40 days for the souls of Richard le Kyng, Emma, his wife, and their children.

Memorandum.— Quod v°. die mensis Augusti, anno Domini M°.CCC°. tertio decimo, concessit dominus xl. dies veniæ pro animabus Ricardi le Kyng', de Morthone in Hennemershe, et Emmæ uxoris ejus, et liberorum suorum; quorum corpora in cœmeterio de Blockele, Wygorniensis diœcesis, requiescunt humata.

f. 97. Commission to determine the matter relative to the chantry "del Clos" near Wytchester.

Commissio. Ricardus, permissione divina, Dunolmensis episcopus, dilectis filiis . . officiali nostro Dunolmensi, et ejus commissario generali, salutem, gratiam et benedictionem. Cum dominus Laurentius de Honnyngburn', presbyter, ad cantariam capellæ del Clos', juxta Wytchester', per dilectum filium Johannem Turpyn, qui se dicit patronum ejusdem, nobis præsentatus, a nobis postulaverit se ad eandem cantariam admitti, non obstante præsentatione ad eandem facta de domino Johanne Abel, capellano, qui nullum jus habet, ut asserit, ad eandem, ex eo præsertim, quod inquisitio super vacatione, et jure præsentandi ad ipsam cantariam ac cæteris consuetis articulis ad utramque præsentationem prædictam nuper facta, pro eodem domino Laurentio, in omnibus et per omnia, facere videatur; dictumque dominum Johannem, sub certis formis et tenoribus, ad certos dies et loca, in prædictis negotiis, ea occasione, coram nobis citari fecimus, vicibus iteratis—nos, cognitioni et expeditioni ipsorum negotiorum intendere personaliter non valentes, variis et arduis præpediti, vobis, conjunctim et divisim, committimus in eisdem negotiis vices nostras, cum instituendi et inducendi, ac cujuslibet coercionis canonicæ, potestate. Valete. Datum apud Stoketon', vij°. die mensis Augusti, anno Domini M.CCC. tertio decimo, et pontificatus nostri tertio.

An. Episc. 3. Pensio Galfridi de Edenham.

A.D. 1313. Grant of a pension to Geoffrey de Edenham.

Universis sanctæ matris ecclesiæ filiis, pateat per præsentes, quod nos, Ricardus, permissione divina, Dunolmensis episcopus, merita probitatis discreti viri, et dilecti clerici nostri, domini Galfridi de Edenham, ac grata et utilia ipsius obsequia, nobis et ecclesiæ nostræ multipliciter impensa, propensius attendentes, eidem annuam pensionem centum solidorum, de camera nostra, ad festa Sancti Martini in hieme et Pentecostes, per æquales portiones, percipiendorum, duximus concedendam, donec sibi per nos provisum fuerit de beneficio ecclesiastico competenti. In cujus rei testimonium, præsentes ei literas fieri, et sigillo nostro fecimus communiri. Datum apud Stoketon', vij°. die mensis Augusti, anno Domini M°.ccc°. tertio decimo, et pontificatus nostri tertio.

Vestimenta et libri de domino Willelmo, priore de Coldyngham.

Receipt of the bishop of Durham for vestments and books from the prior of Coldyngham.

Universis pateat per præsentes, quod nos, Ricardus, permissione divina, Dunolmensis episcopus, recepimus, et habemus in capella nostra, per manus dompni Willelmi de Gretham, prioris de Coldyngham, vestimenta et libros infrascriptos ; videlicet, unam casulam de alba samita, et unam tuniculam ac dealmaticam ejusdem sectæ. Item, unam albam et amitam, cum diversis scutis in paruris, cum stola et manipulo. Item, unum portiferium. In cujus rei testimonium, prædicto dompno Willelmo, priori, præsentes literas fieri, et nostro sigillo fecimus communiri. Datum apud Stoketon', quinto die Augusti, anno Domini M°.ccc°. tertio decimo et pontificatus nostri tertio.

Excommunicatio Ranulphi de Nevill.'

Order for the excommunication of Ranulph de Nevill.

Ricardus, etc., dilecto filio, archidiacono Dunolmensi, vel . . ejus officiali, salutem, gratiam et benedictionem. Cum, nuper dominus Ranulphus de Nevill', coram nobis personaliter constitutus, ad restitutionem quorundam armorum, pretii viginti quatuor librarum, quæ de bonis domini Johannis

A.D. 1313. Spryng', militis ab intestato defuncti, et auctoritate nostra, sequestratis, se, coram nobis, confessus est asportasse, per nos, ex officio, juxta ipsius confessionem, fuisset, per præcepti sententiam, infra certum tempus, jam diu elapsum, ad restitutionem nobis faciendam, sub majoris excommunicationis pœna, quam, ex tunc ut ex nunc, protulimus in eundem, judicialiter condemnatus, ac dictus dominus Ranulphus, claves ecclesiæ non formidans, sed damnabiliter vilipendens, præfata arma, seu eorum æstimationem antedictam, hactenus nobis reddere, seu restituere, recusavit, et adhuc recusat, licet pluries et legitime requisitus, dictam excommunicationis sententiam, propter offensam hujusmodi, damnabiliter incurrendo; quam, in animæ suæ periculum, a diu est, sustinuit, et sustinet, animo indurato:—nos volentes, prout expedit, ne gregem dominicum inficiat ovis morbida, præmissa nota esse et ipsum, quantum in nobis est, ad ecclesiæ gremium revocare, vobis, in virtute obedientiæ, firmiter injungimus et mandamus, quatenus eundem dominum Ranulphum, per singulas ecclesias parochiales et capellas archidiaconatus vestri, diebus solemnibus et festivis, intra missarum solemnia, cum major aderit populi multitudo, pulsatis campanis, accensisque candelis et extinctis, sic excommunicatum fuisse, et esse, publice nuncietis, seu faciatis per alios publice nunciari, inhibentes, seu inhiberi facientes, in genere, ne quis cum eodem domino Ranulpho (permissis a jure casibus duntaxat exceptis) sicut canonicam evitare voluerit ultionem, communicare præsumat; ab hujusmodi denunciatione minime desistentes, vel desisti permittentes, donec aliud a nobis receperitis in mandatis. Quid autem in præmissis feceritis, et qualiter mandatum nostrum prædictum fueritis executi, nos, vel . . officialem nostrum, citra festum Sancti Cuthberti proxime futurum, reddatis, per vestras literas patentes, harum seriem continentes, dilucide certiores. Datum apud Stoketon', vij°. die mensis Augusti, anno Domini M°.ccc°. tertio decimo, et pontificatus nostri tertio. An. Episc. 3.

An. Episc. 3. Quietancia de procurationibus cardinalis.

A.D. 1313. f. 97 b. Receipt of Arnaldo, cardinal priest of St. Prisca, for his procurations.

Nos, frater Arnaldus, miseratione divina, tituli Sanctæ Priscæ, presbyter cardinalis, apostolicæ sedis nuncius, fatemur recepisse et habuisse a venerabili patre, domino . . episcopo Dunolmensi, collectore ad colligendum et recipiendum procurationes, nobis debitas pro uno anno, in suis civitate et diœcesi, deputato a nobis, centum triginta duas marcas sterlingorum, in partem solutionis dictarum procurationum, persolutas, et integraliter numeratas, nobis et cameræ nostræ, per manus discreti viri, magistri Thomæ de Appelynden', clerici episcopi supradicti. In cujus rei testimonium et ejusdem episcopi cautelam præsentem apodixam sibi exinde fieri fecimus, sigilli nostri munimine roboratam. Datum London', ij°. non. Augusti,anno Domini M°.ccc°. tertio decimo, pontificatus domini Clementis, papæ, Quinti, anno octavo.

Mandatum super procurationibus cardinalis levandis.

Mandate to levy the procurations of Arnaldo cardinal-priest of St. Prisca.

Venerabili in Christo patri, domino . . . Dei gratia, episcopo Dunolmensi, frater Arnaldus, miseratione divina, tituli Sanctæ Priscæ, presbyter cardinalis, apostolicæ sedis nuncius, salutem in Domino. Cum in computo, seu ratione, nuper coram nobis reddita pro parte vestra, de procurationibus nostris civitatis et diœcesis Dunolmensium collectis et colligendis, inventum fuerit, quod nonnulli abbates et priores, et alii in dignitatibus et personatibus constituti, ac aliæ ecclesiasticæ personæ, sæculares et regulares, exempti et non exempti, vestrarum civitatis et diœcesis, procurationes nostras juxta traditam, per alias nostras literas, certam formam de proventibus, redditibus, portionibus, et obventionibus suis, quas, et quos, in vestris civitate et diœcesi obtinere noscuntur, nobis, in præfixis eis ad hoc peremptoriis terminis solvere seu de eis satisfacere, non curarunt; ob hoc per processus nostros, super hoc habitos, excommunicationis, suspensionis et interdicti, in eos, et eorum ecclesias, canonice promulgatas sententias incurrendo: ne

A.D. 1313. ipsi, quod absit, de sua contumacia et inobedientia glorientur, paternitati vestræ, auctoritate apostolica nobis in hac parte concessa, tenore præsentium, committimus, et, sub pœna nostro arbitrio infligenda, districte præcipiendo mandamus, quatenus, omni mora postposita, ipsos et eorum quemlibet, qui dictas procurationes in dictis terminis, et post etiam, non solverunt, per subtractionem fructuum, reddituum et portionum, beneficiorum suorum ecclesiasticorum, prout expediet, ad solvendum procurationes hujusmodi canonice compellatis. Et nihilominus, eos, et eorum quemlibet, nominatim, tamdiu, pulsatis campanis, et candelis accensis, per omnia loca, ubi expedire videritis, excommunicatos publice nuncietis, et nunciari per alios faciatis, et ab omnibus arctius evitari, donec super hiis satisfecerint, et absolutionis meruerint beneficium obtinere; ad alias insuper contra ipsos, si opus fuerit, aggravationes et pœnas canonicas processuri, prout exegerit protervitas eorundem. In cujus rei testimonium, præsentes literas fieri fecimus, et sigilli nostri appensione muniri. Datum London', ij. non. Augusti, pontificatus domini Clementis, papæ, Quinti, anno octavo. An. Episc. 3.

Absolution and dispensation to those who were excommunicated for non-payment of the procurations of cardinal Arnaldo.

Ad absolvendum et dispensandum cum excommunicatis pro procurationibus cardinalis.

Venerabili in Christo patri, domino . . . Dei gratia, episcopo Dunolmensi vel . . . ejus officiali, frater Arnaldus, miseratione divina, tituli Sanctæ Priscæ presbyter cardinalis, apostolicæ sedis nuncius, salutem in Domino. Ut animarum saluti prælatorum, et quorumcunque aliorum in dignitatibus vel personatibus consistentium, ac capitulorum, et conventuum, et rectorum ecclesiarum, et monasteriorum, et aliorum locorum ecclesiasticorum, et aliarum personarum ecclesiasticarum, sæcularium, et regularium, civitatis et diœcesis Dunolmensium, qui, procurationes nobis debitas, in præfixis eis ad hoc peremptoriis terminis, non solvendo, excommunicationis, suspensionis et interdicti, sententias, ob hoc, in eos, eorumque ecclesias, monasteria, sive loca, per

An. Episc. 8. processus nostros, super hoc habitos, promulgatas canonice incurrerint, salubriter consulatur, eorumque parcatur laboribus et expensis, circumspectioni vestræ, de qua plenam in Domino fiduciam gerimus, auctoritate apostolica, nobis in hac parte concessa, præsentium tenore, committimus, quatenus vos, vel alter vestrum, omnes tales qui absolutionis beneficium humiliter postulabunt, postquam de prædictis procurationibus integraliter satisfecerint, ut tenentur, juxta formam ecclesiæ, absolvatis, injungentes eis super hoc pœnitentiam salutarem, et alia quæ de jure fuerint injungenda; sententias insuper interdicti, quæ in ecclesias, monasteria, et loca, ipsorum, per dictos processus nostros, propter hujusmodi eorum contumaciam, inobedientiam seu offensam, sint prolatæ, auctoritate prædicta, nihilominus relaxando. In cujus rei testimonium præsentes literas fieri fecimus, et sigilli nostri appensione muniri. Datum London', ij. non. Augusti, pontificatus domini [Clementis], papæ, Quinti, anno octavo. A.D. 1313.

Venerabili in Christo patri, domino Willelmo, Dei gratia Eboracensi archiepiscopo, Angliæ primati, Ricardus, etc. Sanctæ paternitatis, etc.

Citatio domini apud Eboracum . . . . quatuor denar . . . . . marc . . .

Citation of the bishop of Durham to York, relative to the grant in parliament to the king of fourpence in each mark from ecclesiastical benefices.

Willelmus, permissione divina, Eboracensis archiepiscopus, Angliæ primas, venerabili fratri nostro, domino Ricardo, Dei gratia, Dunolmensi episcopo, salutem, et fraternæ caritatis in Domino continuum incrementum. Nuper cum essemus Lond', dominus noster, rex, prælatos et procuratores cleri Cantuariensis provinciæ, tunc præsentes, requiri fecit, ut quamdam collectam quatuor denariorum de qualibet marca beneficiorum ecclesiasticorum, dictæ Cantuariensis provinciæ, per, bonæ memoriæ, dominum Robertum, quondam Cantuariensem archiepiscopum, in suo provinciali concilio dudum impositam, ac levatam, dicto domino regi vellemus, concedere ad præsumptuosam invasionem Scotorum, favente Domino, reprimendam. Nos etiam, ex parte ejusdem domini f. 98.

A.D. 1313. nostri regis, cum magna fuimus instantia requisiti, quod prælatos et clerum nostræ provinciæ, præsertim cum propinquiores simus periculo imminenti, efficaciter inducere curaremus, ut consimile subsidium, videlicet, quatuor denarii de qualibet marca, de singulis beneficiis ecclesiasticis, nostrarum civitatis, diœcesis, et provinciæ, ob causam prædictam, eidem domino nostro, regi, concederetur hac vice, necessitate non modica perurgente. Cum igitur, absque convocatione prælatorum et cleri nostrarum civitatis, diœcesis, et provinciæ, nequaquam valeat hujusmodi negotium expediri, tenore præsentium, peremptorie vos citamus, et, per vos, priorem ecclesiæ vestræ, et capitulum ejusdem, necnon archidiaconos in ecclesia prædicta, et universos abbates, prioresque abbates proprios non habentes, decanos etiam, et præpositos, ecclesiarum collegiatarum, necnon capitula ipsa, totumque clerum vestrarum civitatis et diœcesis, citari volumus, et mandamus quod vos, abbatesque, priores, decani, archidiaconi et præpositi, personaliter, vel per procuratores sufficienter instructos, ac capitula et collegia singula, per procuratores singulos, clerusque vestrarum civitatis et diœcesis, per duos procuratores idoneos, et sufficienter instructos, ac plenam et sufficientem potestatem habentes, in ecclesia nostra Eboracensi, tertio die mensis Septembris, compareatis, et compareant, coram nobis, ad tractandum in dicta convocatione nobiscum, et cum cæteris prælatis, ac procuratoribus cleri nostrarum civitatis, diœcesis, et provinciæ, super memorato subsidio concedendo, ac ad faciendum ulterius super illo, quod communi videbitur judicio faciendum. De die vero receptionis præsentium, et qualiter hoc nostrum mandatum fueritis executi, nos, citra dictum tertium diem mensis Septembris, per quatuor dies, certificetis distincte et aperte, per vestras patentes literas, harum seriem continentes. Valete. Datum apud Belverum, ij. non. Augusti, anno Gratiæ M°.ccc°. tertio decimo, et pontificatus nostri octavo. An. Episc. 3.

An. Episc. 8. [Quarum auctoritate literarum, abbates, priores, decanos, archidiaconos, capitula, collegia, et clerum nostrarum civitatis et diœcesis, citari fecimus, in forma nobis superius demandata. Et sic mandatum vestrum in omnibus sumus reverenter, sicut decuit, executi. Paternitatem vestram conservet incolumem et jocundam potentia Trinitatis. Datum apud Hoveden', xxviij°. die mensis Augusti, anno Domini M°.ccc°. tertio decimo.] [1] A.D. 1313.

Monitio de faciendo pœnitentiam.

Monition to cause John de Alwent to do penance for adultery.

Ricardus, permissione divina, etc., perpetuo vicario de Gaynesford', vel ejus capellano parochiali, salutem, gratiam et benedictionem. Quia Johanni de Alwent, coram nobis personaliter constituto, et objectis sibi, ex officio nostro certis articulis, fatenti judicialiter se cum Agneta de Raby, Anabilla de Dunelmo, adulterium commisisse, ac, in purgatione sibi indicta super adulteriis commissis cum Cristiana Clergis, Annabilla de Castro Bernardi, Emma le Aumbelour, deficienti, et habito pro convicto, hujusmodi qualitate delictorum et personæ suæ conditionibus, ponderatis, volentes mitius secum agere, sequentem duximus pœnitentiam injungendam; videlicet, quod, pro quolibet de dictis articulis, circa ecclesiam suam parochialem, per sex dies Dominicos et festivos, coram parochianis dictæ ecclesiæ, processionaliter incedentibus, et circa forum de Derlyngton', die Lunæ, dum plenius fuerit populatum, per sex dies, indutus solummodo lineis, publice fustigetur. Nos, probabilius attendentes, quod injunctiones hujusmodi, si executioni debitæ non mandentur, non tantum fore delusorias sed ampliorem tribuere audaciam delinquendi, vobis, in virtute obedientiæ, et sub excommunicationis majoris pœna, mandamus, firmiter injungentes, quatenus dictum Johannem publice moneatis, et testato, quod, hoc instante die Lunæ, circa forum de Derlyngton', et sequente die Dominico, circa ecclesiam parochialem de Gaynesford', et sic de foro in forum, et per dies Dominicos ac

[1] The paragraph in brackets is placed at the foot of folio 98.

A.D. 1313. festivos continue subsequentes, supradictam pœniten- An. Episc. 3.
tiam, prout sibi superius est immerita[1] suscipiat ac devote. Alioquin ipsum Johannem et ad id suscipiendum et faciendum, per suspensionis et excommunicationis sententias, compellatis, eum sic excommunicatum esse per totum archidiaconatum Dunolmensem publicantes, vice nostra, seu facientes publicari, et, tanquam excommunicatum, ab aliis arctius evitari, donec nostris vestrisque monitis et mandatis paruerit in hac parte, et nostram meruerit gratiam obtinere. Præmissas autem pœnitentias, ut absque dilatione fiant, gratia, vel favore, et in forma suprascripta, per fidam vestræ discretionis industriam, quanta poteritis diligentia, curari volumus, et mandamus. Quid autem in præmissis feceritis, et si in aliquo inobediens fuerit, aut rebellis, citra festum Sancti Cuthberti, nobis constare faciatis per vestras patentes literas, harum seriem continentes. Datum apud Stoketon', vj. die Augusti, pontificatus nostri anno tertio.

Letter to the bishop of Durham from cardinal Arnaldo relative to the collecting of his procurations.

Litera cardinalis de reddenda ratione super procurationibus collectis.

Venerabili in Christo patri, domino . . . Dei gratia, episcopo Dunolmensi, frater Arnaldus, miseratione divina, tituli Sanctæ Priscæ, presbyter cardinalis, apostolicæ sedis nuncius, salutem in Domino. Cum per magistrum Thomam de Aplengden', clericum, et nuncium vestrum, qui, pro procurationibus nostris, nobis pro uno anno debitis, a vobis et capitulo ecclesiæ, cæterisque in dignitatibus et personatibus constitutis, ac rectoribus, aliisque personis ecclesiasticis, sæcularibus et regularibus, exemptis et non exemptis, vestræ civitatis et diœcesis, centum et triginta duas marcas sterlingorum detulit, et cameræ nostræ assignavit, de dictis personis, ac capitulis, et conventibus ecclesiarum et monasteriorum, et aliorum locorum, ac personis ecclesiasticis civitatis et diœcesis prædictarum, qui ipsas solverunt, vel
f. 93 b. non solverunt, non possumus plenam habere notitiam;

[1] "immerita" in MS., *quer.* injuncta.

An. Episc. 3. cum dictus nuncius non venerit sufficienter instructus, ac rotulos, de hiis confectos, secum detulerit defectivos, ex quibus plenum et clarum computum non potuit nostræ cameræ assignare; volumus, vobisque, auctoritate apostolica, nobis in hac parte concessa, in virtute sanctæ obedientiæ ac sub pœna nostro arbitrio infligenda, districte præcipiendo mandamus, quatenus, infra proximum festum Nativitatis Beatæ Mariæ Virginis, quod vobis pro peremptorio termino assignamus, per aliquem, vel aliquos, super præmissis sufficienter instructos, cum prædictis rotulis, seu registris, continentibus nomina prædictorum solventium et non solventium, ac ecclesiarum, monasteriorum, et aliorum locorum ecclesiasticorum, continentibus etiam, ad plenam et claram informationem nostram, nomina ecclesiarum, et prioratuum, seu monasteriorum, et aliorum locorum, quæ per nonnullos abbates et alios religiosos, in vestra diœcesi, eorum mensis appropriata existere prætenduntur, quo prætextu, nihil ab eis de prædictis ecclesiis, prioratibus, et monasteriis, quæ, ut præmittitur, taliter appropriata prætendunt, potuit exigi, vel haberi, pro procurationibus supradictis, et utrum appropriationes hujusmodi per sedem apostolicam, vel alium qui potuerit, factæ fuerint et reales, an ad tempus concessæ fuerint, et extiterint personales, in hospitio episcopatus London', in quo moramur, comparere curetis; ut tam ex relatione ejusdem personæ, quam, sufficienter instructam, ad nos mittetis, quam ex inspectione dictorum rotulorum et registrorum, de procurationibus ipsis solutis et solvendis, et a quibus, et qualiter de ipsarum residuis, ac circumstantiis universis, ac de prædictis ecclesiis, monasteriis, et locis, quæ taliter appropriata prætenduntur, plenam possimus, habere notitiam ac rationem, et computum clare et distincte recipere, et informationem habere plenariam, valeamus. Et quicquid de procurationibus hujusmodi, ultra quod nobis misistis, collectum extiterit, nobis per fidelem nuncium, sub fida et secura A.D. 1313.

A.D. 1313. custodia, mittere procuretis. Cæterum vobis, auctoritate prædicta, præsentium tenore, committimus, quatenus contra subcollectores vestros, exemptos et non exemptos, si super prædictis vobis inobedientes fuerint, vel rebelles, ad suspensionis, excommunicationis, et interdicti, sententias, et alias pœnas canonicas, necnon contra illos, qui procurationes nobis debitas, in præfixis ad hoc eis peremptoriis terminis, per processus nostros, super hoc habitos, non solverint, ad publicationem, et denunciationem sententiarum ob hoc in eos, et eorum ecclesias, promulgatarum, et subtractionem fructuum et reddituum beneficiorum suorum ecclesiasticorum, et ad aggravationem dictarum sententiarum, prout contumaciæ ipsorum protervia exiget, procedatis; pro firmo sciturі, quod si super exequendis præmissis fueritis negligentes, contra vos infallibiliter procedemus, et procedi per alios faciemus, sicut viderimus expedire. Has autem literas registrari fecimus ad cautelam, de quarum præsentatione latori præsentium, nuncio nostro jurato, adhibebimus plenam fidem. Datum London', ij. non. Augusti, anno Domini millesimo trecentesimo tertio decimo, pontificatus domini Clementis, papæ, Quinti anno octavo. An. Episc. 3.

Mandatum Guillelmi de Balaeto pro monendo priorem et conventum Dunolmenses.

Mandate of William de Balaeto, the pope's nuncio, relative to the collection of the tenths of pope Nicholas IV.

Venerabili patri in Christo, Domino, Dei gratia, Dunolmensi episcopo, Guillelmus de Balaeto, archidiaconus Forojuliensis domini papæ capellanus, et ejusdem in Anglia nuncius, salutem in Domino. Cum religiosi viri . . . prior et conventus Dunolmenses, subcollectores decimæ sexennalis, felicis recordationis, domini Nicholai, papæ, iiij., juxta computa per ipsos præ[de]cessori nostro reddita, in ccxlix. libris, duobus solidis, xj. *d.*, et *ob.*, sterlingorum, ecclesiæ Romanæ remanserint obligati, de arreragiis dictæ decimæ, per ipsos collectis, et in manibus eorum existentibus et ad ipsa solvenda, juxta confessionem eorum, per præ[de]cessorem nostrum extiterint condemnati, ad certos terminos, jam elapsos, sub pœnis

An. Episc. 3. canonicis, et censuris, in ipsos ex tunc latis, prout per acta publica nobis constat; dictique religiosi de dictæ pecuniæ summa nondum satisfecerint, ut debebant, paternitati vestræ, auctoritate apostolica qua fungimur, in hac parte, mandamus, quatenus peremptorie moneatis, seu moneri faciatis, eosdem, quod nobis, London', in hospitio nostro, juxta ecclesiam Sancti Pauli, nomine Romanæ ecclesiæ, de dicta summa pecuniæ, infra instans festum Omnium Sanctorum, satisfaciant, ut tenentur; citantes nihilominus, seu citari facientes, eosdem, quod compareant coram nobis, London', in hospitio nostro, primo die juridico post dictum festum, nobiscum plene computaturi, et nobis satisfacturi, prout fuerit rationis, tam de omnibus per ipsos perceptis de arreragiis trium primorum, quam de arreragiis quarti anni, decimæ memoratæ, a die datæ computi per eosdem præ[de]cessori nostro redditi de decima supradicta, videlicet, quinta die mensis Octobris, anno Domini millesimo cccº. octavo. Alioquin dictos . . . priorem, quem in hiis scriptis excommunicamus, et conventum, quem in hiis scriptis interdicimus, excommunicatum et interdictum denunciari faciatis, in ecclesia Dunolmi, et in aliis ecclesiis quibus vobis videbitur, diebus Dominicis et festivis, et ipsos excommunicatos et suspensos evitetis et evitari faciatis, donec nobis satisfecerint de prædictis, vel aliud a nobis habueritis in mandatis. De die autem receptionis præsentium, et quid feceritis in præmissis, nos dictis die et loco, per vestras patentes literas, harum seriem continentes, reddatis certiores. Datum London', quarta die mensis Angusti, anno Domini millesimo cccº. tertio decimo. A.D. 1313.

Pro arreragiis procurationum Albanensis et Prenestrinensis episcoporum cardinalium.

Venerabili in Christo patri, domino . ., Dei gratia, Dunolmensi episcopo, Guillelmus de Balaeto, Forojuliensis archidiaconus, domini papæ capellanus, ejusque in Anglia nuncius, æternam salutem in Christo. Mandate relative to the collection of the arrears of procurations due to the cardinal bishops of Albano

A.D. 1313. and Palestrina. Noveritis constare nobis, bonæ memoriæ, dominum Antonium, quondam episcopum Dunelmensem, prædecessorem vestrum, tempore quo, bonæ memoriæ, domini B. Albanensis et S. Prenestrinensis episcopi cardinales fuerunt in Anglia, nuncii apostolicæ sedis, certas ipsorum dominorum procurationes collegisse, de quibus quingentas marcas, quas nunquam restituit, solvere ac reddere tenebatur tempore quo extitit vita functus. Pro qua pecuniæ summa recuperanda, paternitati vestræ, qua fungimur apostolica auctoritate, in hac parte per præsentes specialiter committimus, et mandamus, in virtute obedientiæ qua tenemini apostolicæ sedi, quatenus, absque moræ protractu, dominum Robertum de Wilweby militem, et dominum Thomam de Goldesburgh', archidiaconum Dunolmensem, executores testamenti domini Antonii, prædecessoris vestri prædicti, peremptorie moneatis, seu moneri faciatis, quod nobis, apud London', infra instans festum Omnium Sanctorum, de summa dictarum quingentarum marcarum sterlingorum, de bonis testatoris præfati, satisfaciant, pro eodem; aut in vigilia dicti festi peremptorie compareant coram nobis ibidem, allegaturi et proposituri, si quam rationabilem causam habeant ob quam ad præmissa minime teneantur; alioquin ipsorum executorum quemlibet, quos nos, ex nunc ut ex tunc, in hiis scriptis excommunicamus, denuncietis, seu denunciari publice faciatis, excommunicatos, ratione dicti debiti, diebus Dominicis et festivis, ubi et prout vobis videbitur expedire. Archidiaconum insuper supradictum peremptorie moneatis, seu moneri faciatis, quod nobis, in dictis loco, et termino, satisfaciat, sub eadem pœna, de arreragiis decimæ sexennialis de tempore, felicis recordationis, domini Nicholai, papæ, iv., contingentis proventus dicti sui archidiaconatus incertos; aut doceat quare ad solutionem dictæ decimæ non teneatur de proventibus antedictis: super præmissis omnibus et singulis, per vestras literas, harum seriem continentes, congruo tempore nos certificaturi, An. Episc. 3.

An. Episc. 3. ut possimus, secundum jus, inde agere quicquid fuerit opportunum. Datum Lond', sub nostro sigillo, die quarto mensis Augusti, anno Domini millesimo ccc. tertio decimo. A.D. 1313.

Pensio domini Willelmi de Rasen.

Grant of a pension to William de Rasen.

Ricardus, permissione divina, Dunolmensis episcopus, dilecto et fideli clerico, domino Willelmo de Rasen, salutem, gratiam et benedictionem. Merita virtutum quibus te novimus insignitum, affectionisque quam erga nos, et ecclesiam nostram Dunelmensem, dinosceris obtinere, specialiter nos inducunt, ut personam tuam, in hiis quæ promotionis et honoris tui incrementum respicere poterunt, favorabiliter prosequamur. Pensionem igitur annuam centum solidorum, de camera nostra percipiendorum, ad duos anni terminos, videlicet, ad festa Nativitatis Domini et Sancti Johannis Baptistæ, per æquales portiones, tibi concedimus per præsentes, donec tibi de beneficio ecclesiastico competente duxerimus providendum. In cujus rei testimonium, præsentes literas tibi fieri, et nostro sigillo fecimus communiri. Datum apud Crayk', xix°. die Augusti, anno Domini millesimo ccc°. tertio decimo et pontificatus nostri tertio.

Inquisitio capellæ del Clos.

Mandate to make an inquisition relative to the chapel "del Clos," near Qwytechester.

Reverendissimo in Christo, patri et domino, etc., . . archidiaconi Northumbriæ officialis salutem, etc. Mandatum vestrum nuper recepi, in hæc verba:—Ricardus, permissione divina, etc., dilecto filio, domini archidiaconi Northumbriæ . . officiali, salutem, etc. Præsentavit nobis dilectus filius Johannes, dictus "Turpyn'," dominum Laurentium de Homborn', capellanum, ad cantariam capellæ del Clos juxta Qwytechestr', vacantem, et ad suam præsentationem spectantem, ut dicit. Quocirca, vobis mandamus, quatenus, in proximo pleno loci capitulo, per rectores et vicarios vicinos, diligenter inquiratis, an dicta cantaria vacet, et a quo tempore, et qualiter; quis sit

A.D. 1313. verus patronus ejusdem; quis ad eam tempore pacis An. Episc. 3.
ultimo præsentavit; quis sit in possessione præsentandi; quantum valeat per annum; an sit pensionaria, et cui et in quantum; an sit litigiosa, et inter quos, et qua occasione: de conditionibus etiam præsentati, an sit idoneus; an sit alibi beneficiatus, et utrum de uno vel de pluribus beneficiis consimilem curam habentibus; et aliis articulis necessariis et consuetis. Et quid per hujusmodi inquisitionem inveneritis, sub sigillo vestro, una cum sigillis eorum per [quos] hujusmodi inquisitionem feceritis, distincte et aperte, in forma consueta nobis constare faciatis. Valete. Datum apud Auk', ix. die Junii, pontificatus nostri anno tertio. — Hujus igitur auctoritate mandati, in pleno loci capitulo, diligentem feci inquisitionem super vacatione cantariæ prædictæ, videlicet, per dominos Radulphum et Willelmum, capellanos, procuratores ecclesiarum de Benton' et Stainton', dominos Gilbertum et Thomam, de Neuborn et de Hedon' super Murum vicarios, dominos Thomam de Prodhowe et Petrum de Gunwarton', capellanos, procuratores vicariorum de Novo Castro et de Tynemuth', dominos Adam de Seton' de Lavale, Robertum de Goseford' Boreali, Thomam de Goseford Australi, Johannem de Aton', Thomam de Neuborn', capellanos et Hugonem, capellanum parochialem ecclesiæ Beati Johannis de Novo Castro. Qui, jurati, dicunt quod dicta cantaria vacat per mortem domini Radulphi
f. 99 b. de Thuysill', capellani dudum perpetuarii in eadem et vacavit a die Sabbati in festo Translationis beati Thomæ Martyris ultimo præterito. Dicunt etiam, quod Johannes Turpyn', dominus villæ de Qwytchestr', est verus patronus dictæ cantariæ, et quod Ricardus Turpyn', pater dicti Johannis, cujus hæres idem Johannes est, tempore pacis ultimo præsentavit prædictum dominum Radulphum, nuper defunctum, ad cantariam prædictam, et dicta cantaria [valet] omnibus annis sexaginta solidos; non est pensionaria vel litigiosa, quod ipsi sciant. De conditionibus præsentati, dicunt quod cre-

An. Episc. 3. dunt ipsum esse idoneum, nec alibi beneficiatum, et per quindecim annos, et ultra, in archidiaconatu Northumbriæ est laudabiliter conversatus, nec quicquid obstat præsentanti vel præsentato, in hac parte aliqualiter, quod sciatur. In cujus rei testimonium, præsentem inquisitionem, sub sigillo quo publice utor in officio, clausam vestræ reverendæ paternitati transmitto, sigillis eorum, per quos dicta inquisitio facta fuerit consignatam. Valete feliciter in ævum. Datum apud Novum Castrum super Tynam, in dicto capitulo inibi celebrato, ij. id. Julii, anno Domini millesimo trecentesimo tertio decimo. A.D. 1313.

Provocatio magistri Ricardi de Eryum præbendarii de Heley, in ecclesia de Lang'.

Appeal of Richard de Eryum, prebendary of Heley in the collegiate church of Langecestre.

In Dei nomine, Amen. Cum ego, Ricardus de Eryum, præbendarius de Helaye, in ecclesia collegiata Langecestr', Dunolmensis diœcesis, ipsam præbendam cum juribus et pertinentiis universis, sum et fuerim canonice assecutus, et sic eam adeptus, eandem, una cum decima fœni provenientis de quibuscunque locis infra limites per quos ipsa præbenda distinguitur, (in cujus possessione, vel quasi jure percipiendi, fuerunt omnes et singuli prædecessores mei, præbendarii prædictæ præbendæ, a tempore ordinationis præbendarum in dicta ecclesia, notorie, continue, pacifice et inconcusse,) possederim diutius pacifice et quiete, ac in possessione hujusmodi existens, metuens, ex quibusdam comminationibus, mihi sæpius per magistrum Willelmum de Quicham, qui se dicit vicarium, seu decanum, dictæ præbendalis ecclesiæ Langecestr', et quosdam ministros suos, et sibi adhærentes factis, et illatis, causisque aliis probabilibus, et verisimilibus conjecturis, circa jus meum, et possessionem meam præbendæ et fœni prædictorum in futurum præjudicium generari, ne idem magister Willelmus, seu quivis alius, quacunque causa, vel colore quæsito, me super jure meo, aut possessione mea, prædictis, molestaret, aut quomodolibet perturbaret, seu quicquam grave, durum, vel præjudiciale, in mei præjudicium,

A.D. 1313. quoad jus vel possessionem prædictam, aliqualiter at- An. Episc. 3.
tentaret, ad audientiam venerabilis patris et domini nostri, domini Ricardi, Dei gratia, Dunolmensis episcopi, provocassem, et legitime appellassem, idem tamen magister Willelmus, ac Willelmus Payn, ejus, ut dicitur, procurator, et nonnulli alii ministri sui, et adhærentes eisdem, me super possessione decimæ fœni supradicti, post et contra appellationes hujusmodi, molestarunt, perturbarunt, et partem ejusdem, infra terras Willelmi de Sylkesworth' provenientem, ut dicitur, asportarunt, in mei, et prædictæ meæ præbendæ[1] præjudicium non modicum, et gravamen: unde ego, Ricardus, præbendarius prædictus, sentiens me, ex hiis et eorum quolibet, per dictos magistros Willelmum et Willelmum prægravari, ad audientiam dicti domini nostri, . . . episcopi Dunolmensis, in hiis scriptis appello, et apostolos instanter, instantius, et instantissime peto.

Inhibition in the matter of the appeal of Richard de Eryum, prebendary of Heley.

Inhibitio super eodem.

Ricardus, permissione divina, Dunolmensis episcopus, dilecto filio . . . decano Dunolmensi, salutem, etc. Sua nobis dilectus filius magister Ricardus de Eryum, præbendarius de Heley in ecclesia præbendali Langcestr', nostræ diœcesis Dunolmensis, petitione monstravit, quod cum ipse eandem præbendam, cum decima fœni provenientis de quibuscunque locis infra limites dictæ præbendæ existentibus, et aliis suis pertinentiis universis, fuisset canonice assecutus, et tam ipse, quam sui prædecessores, omnes et singuli, in eadem præbenda, sic eam, una cum fœno prædicto, a tempore ordinationis præbendarum in eadem ecclesia, notorie possedissent, pacifice et quiete, idem magister Ricardus, in possessione hujusmodi existens, metuens ex quibusdam comminationibus, sibi per magistrum Willelmum de Quicham, qui se dicit decanum ecclesiæ præbendalis prædictæ, et quosdam alios, prius factis, pariter et illatis,

[1] *præbendæ*] "prædictæ" in MS.

An. Episc. 3. causisque probabilibus, et verisimilibus conjecturis, sibi et præbendæ suæ præfatæ posse in futurum præjudicium generari, ne idem magister Willelmus, aut quivis alius, quocunque colore, ipsum magistrum Ricardum super possessione sua hujusmodi præsumeret quomodolibet molestare, ad audientiam nostram legitime, sicut asserit, provocavit, et etiam appellavit; ac demum, quod idem magister Willelmus, et Willelmus dictus "Payn," ipsius procurator, et nonnulli alii, ejusdem magistri Willelmi servientes et ministri, ac sibi adhærentes, quibus sufficienter innotuit de præmissis, partem decimæ fœni hujusmodi provenientis[1] de quibusdam terris in territorio de Knygtheley infra limites dictæ præbendæ existentibus, post, et contra, appellationes hujusmodi, indebite occuparunt, asportarunt, et detinent occupatam, ipsum, super possessione præbendæ et fœni prædictorum, multipliciter molestando, in ipsius, et præbendæ suæ præfatæ, præjudicium non modicum, et gravamen; idem magister Ricardus, sentiens se per prædictos magistrum Willelmum et Willelmum indebite prægravari, audientiam nostram legitime, sicut asserit, iterum appellavit. Quocirca, vobis mandamus, firmiter injungentes, quatenus præfatis magistro Willelmo et Willelmo ac omnibus et singulis quibus jus inhiberi exigit et permittit, auctoritate nostra, inhibeatis publice et districte, ne, pendente causa appellationis hujusmodi, coram nobis quicquam, in partis appellantis præjudicium, quomodolibet attentent, quominus appellationem suam prædictam libere prosequi valeat, ut intendit: citantes nihilominus partem appellatam peremptorie, quod compareat coram nobis, vel commissariis nostris, in Galilea Dunolmi, die Lunæ proxima post festum Beati Michaelis Archangeli, in dicta appellationis causa, prout justum fuerit, processurus, facturus ulterius quod justitia suadebit. Quid autem in præmissis feceritis, nobis, aut commissariis nostris, ad

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f. 100.

[1] *provenientis*] "proventis," in MS.

A.D. 1313. dictos diem et locum, constare dilucide faciatis, per ves- An. Episc. 3.
tras patentes literas, harum seriem continentes. Datum apud Crayk', xviij°. die Augusti.

Mandate ordering excommunication to be pronounced against all persons interfering with the rights and liberties of the Church.

Excommunicatio contra impedientes libertates ecclesiæ.

Ricardus, permissione divina, etc., decano de Derlington', salutem, etc. Circa defensionem et conservationem jurium et libertatum ecclesiasticarum, tanto vigilantius, ex debito suscepti regiminis, insistere nos oportet, quanto nonnulli Satanæ ministri jura et libertates hujusmodi nituntur damnabilius impugnare. Sane, fama publica referente, intelleximus, quod nonnulli iniquitatis filii, suæ salutis immemores, dilectos filios . . . abbatem et conventum monasterii beatæ Mariæ Eboracensis, ecclesiam de Gaynford', nostræ diœcesis, in proprios usus obtinentes, malitiose impediunt et perturbant, quominus ipsi pacifice valeant, per se et suos, decimas garbarum de Castro Bernardy et Langeton', infra parochiam ecclesiæ prædictæ, ad ipsos et ecclesiam prædictam spectantes, percipere, colligere, et cariare per ea loca, per quæ et novem partes cariantur, et de eisdem disponere, prout ad utilitatem suam magis viderint expedire ; in ecclesiasticæ libertatis præjudicium et contemptum, et dictorum abbatis et conventus damnum non modicum, et gravamen ; propter quod, majoris excommunicationis sententiam, contra impedientes hujusmodi a sacris canonibus, et in sanctis synodis, proinde promulgatam, non est dubium ipsos damnabiliter incurrisse. Quocirca, vobis mandamus, in virtute obedientiæ, quatenus omnes hujusmodi impedientes et perturbatores, cum eorum fautoribus, et eis in hoc facinore consilium et auxilium præstantibus, in singulis ecclesiis vestri decanatus, et capella Castri Bernardi, diebus Dominicis et festivis, accensis candelis, pulsatis campanis, intra missarum solemnia, excommunicatos esse publice nuncietis, et faciatis per alios nunciari ; a denunciatione hujusmodi non cessantes, nec cessari permittentes, donec malefactores hujusmodi

An. Episc. 3. absolutionis beneficium in forma juris meruerint obtinere. A.D. 1313.
Qualiter autem præsens mandatum nostrum fueritis executi, nos distincte et aperte reddatis certiores, per vestras literas patentes, harum seriem continentes, cum ex parte dictorum abbatis et conventus fueritis requisiti. Datum apud Rychale, xxiij°. die Augusti, anno Domini millesimo ccc°. tertio decimo, et pontificatus nostri tertio.

Indulgentia. Universis sanctæ matris ecclesiæ filiis, præsentes literas visuris vel audituris, Ricardus, permissione divina, Dunelmensis episcopus, salutem in Domino sempiternam. Pium et meritum reputantes, ac etiam, ad profectum animarum et salutis incrementum, cupientes fidelium mentes per allectiva indulgentiarum, munera propensius excitare, de Dei omnipotentis misericordia, beatæ et gloriosæ Virginis Mariæ, necnon beatorum Apostolorum Petri et Pauli, Sanctique Cuthberti patroni nostri, et omnium Sanctorum, meritis et precibus confidentes, omnibus Christianis, vere contritis et confessis, quorum diœcesani hanc nostram indulgentiam ratam habuerint et firmam qui fabricæ capellæ Sanctæ Elenæ de Est Cottingwyth', et capellæ Sanctæ Mariæ Magdalenæ de Ryngstanhirst', Eboracensis diœcesis, de bonis sibi a Deo collatis grata contulerint subsidia caritatis, aut etiam vestimenta, luminaria, seu quævis alia ornamenta in eadem sustinuerint, quadraginta dies de injuncta sibi pœnitentia misericorditer relaxamus. In cujus rei testimonium, præsentibus sigillum nostrum est appensum. Datum apud Houdon', in crastino post festum Sancti Bartholomæi Apostoli, anno Domini, M°.ccc°. tertio decimo et consecrationis nostræ tertio.

Indulgence of 40 days to those who shall contribute to the fabric of the chapel of St. Ellen of East Cottingwyth, and the chapel of St. Mary Magdalen of Ryngstanhirst.

Archidiacono Cliveland' quod mutuæ vicissitudinis obtentu denunciet Ranulphum de Nevill' excommunicatum. Reverendæ discretionis viro, domino . . . archidiacono Cliveland', Ricardus, permissione divina, Dunolmensis episcopus, salutem, cum reverentia et honore. Quia ecclesiasticæ censuræ vinculum, quod ad medelam inventum est, ut languidum

f. 100 b. Mandate to denounce Ranulph de Nevill, excommunicated.

A.D. 1313. quem coercet sanum efficiat, expedit esse notum, ac dominus Ranulphus de Nevill' miles, parochianus noster, propter suam manifestam offensam, ad instantiam officii nostri, coram nobis contractam, per nos majoris excommunicationis vinculo innodatus, a partibus Dunolmi jam recessit, claves ecclesiæ damnabiliter contemnens, et nunc, tanquam parochianus vester, in archidiaconatu Cliveland' moram trahit, discretionem vestram, mutuæ vicissitudinis obtentu, requirimus et rogamus, quatenus dictum dominum Ranulphum sic excommunicatum esse, in archidiaconatu prædicto, denunciare velitis, et facere per alios publice denunciari; ut sic, rubore confusus, a devio se convertat, et semitas erroris, per quas diutius incessit, agnoscens, ad sanctæ matris ecclesiæ, quam multipliciter multisque modis offendit, gremium facilius revertatur. Datum, etc. xxx°. die Augusti. An. Episc. 3.

Bonds for the payment of money for furs, drapery, and spices.

Memorandum.— Quod ultimo die Augusti, facta fuit quædam obligatio Roberto Person', pellipario, pro pelura de xlviij. libris. xiiij.*s.* et iiij.*d.* Item, alia obligatio fuit facta, eodem die, Symony de Abingdon', *drapere*, de London', pro pannis emptis ab eo, de ccxx. libris. Item, tertia obligatio facta fuit, eodem die, Willelmo de Furneys, apothecario, pro speciebus ab eo emptis, de iiij^{xx}. vj.*li.* xviij.*d.* Quæ debita debent solvi in festo Sancti Michaelis proximo futuro, videlicet, anno Domini millesimo ccc°. tertio decimo.

Appointment of a proctor by the bishop of Durham, to attend before the archbishop of York, relative to the subsidy of 4*d.* in each mark from ecclesiastical property demanded by the king.

Procuratorium super tractatione quatuor denariorum de qualibet marca, a domino rege petitorum.

Venerabili in Christo patri, domino Willelmo, Dei gratia, Eboracensi archiepiscopo, Angliæ primati, Ricardus, permissione ejusdem, Dunolmensis episcopus, salutem, cum debitis et devotis, obedientia, reverentia et honore. Noverit paternitas vestra reverenda, quod nos dilectum filium, magistrum Johannem de Sneynton', canonicum ecclesiæ præbendalis de Derlyngton, facimus et constituimus procuratorem nostrum, et nuncium

An. Episc. 3. specialem, ad comparendum, pro nobis et nostro nomine, coram vobis, in majori ecclesia Eboracensi, hac instanti tertio die mensis Septembris, ad tractandum vobiscum, et cum cæteris prælatis, et procuratoribus cleri vestrarum civitatis, diœcesis, et provinciæ, sub subsidio quatuor denariorum de qualibet marca, de singulis beneficiis ecclesiasticis, vestrarum civitatis, diœcesis, et provinciæ, per dominum nostrum regem, petito, in convocatione cleri vestrarum civitatis, diœcesis, et provinciæ, super hoc inibi facienda; ac ad consentiendum, et faciendum ulterius super illo, quod communi videbitur judicio faciendum; et quæ facere possemus, si præsentes essemus; ratum et firmum habituri, quicquid idem procurator noster, nomine nostro, fecerit in præmissis. In cujus rei testimonium, sigillum nostrum præsentibus est appensum. Datum apud Rykhale, ij°. die mensis Septembris, anno Domini millesimo trecentesimo tertio decimo. A.D. 1313.

Procuratorium coram cardinali.

Appointment of a proctor to appear before cardinal Arnaldo, the pope's nuncio, relative to the collection of procurations.

Venerabili in Christo patri, et domino, domino Arnaldo, Dei gratia, tituli Sanctæ Priscæ, presbytero cardinali, apostolicæ sedis nuncio, suus devotissimus, Ricardus, permissione divina, Dunolmensis episcopus, salutem, etc. Vestræ reverendæ paternitati innotescimus per præsentes, quod dilectum clericum nostrum, magistrum Ricardum de Eryum, præsentium exhibitorem, procuratorem nostrum facimus, et nuncium specialem, ad reddendum compotum, et vos certificandum, de procurationibus vestris, vobis, de civitate et diœcesi nostris, debitis, collectis et colligendis, et nominibus personarum ecclesiasticarum solventium, et non solventium, et de nominibus ecclesiarum et locorum appropriatorum mensis . . . abbatum . . . priorum, et aliorum virorum ecclesiasticorum, existentium, in nostris civitate et diœcesi supradictis; et ad faciendum omnia alia et singula, quæ per literas vestras, nobis inde directas, in hac parte, per nos fieri requiruntur: quem quidem magistrum Ricardum, super præmissis reputa-

A.D. 1313. tione nostra sufficienter instructum, in forma, per vos, An. Episc. 3. nobis demandata, pro præmissis, ad vos duximus destinandum; ratum et firmum habituri, quicquid præfatus magister Ricardus, nostro nomine, fecerit in præmissis. In cujus rei testimonium, præsentes literas sigilli appositione fecimus roborari. Datum apud Hoveden', iiij. kal. Septembris, anno Domini millesimo ccc°. tertio decimo.

Commission to absolve the Lady Anastasia de Falconberg, consort of Walter de Falconberg, from a sentence of excommunication for adultery with John de Lilleford.

Commissio ad absolvendum dominam Anastasiam de Falconberge a sententia excommunicationis.

Ricardus, permissione divina, Dunolmensis episcopus, dilectis filiis, magistris Galfrido de Haxeby, subpriori Dunolmensi, sacræ theologiæ doctori, Johanni de Ins', juris civilis professori, salutem, gratiam et benedictionem. De vestræ circumspectionis industria, et provida discretione, plenam fiduciam obtinentes, ad absolutionis beneficium impendendum, in forma juris, dominæ Anastasiæ, consorti domini Walteri de Falconberg, junioris, nuper coram nobis, super adulterio, cum Johanne de Lilleford; commisso, judicialiter convictæ, a sententia excommunicationis majoris, in ipsam per nos, propter suam manifestam contumaciam, pariter et offensam, multipliciter contractas, rite et canonice promulgata, et salutarem pœnitentiam ei injungendum, pro contumacia et offensa hujusmodi, et ad cognoscendum et procedendum contra ipsam, super perjurio et recidivatione dicti criminis, et pœna[1] centum marcarum, debitarum, si commiserit recidivum, vobis conjunctim, tenore præsentium, committimus vices nostras, cum coercionis canonicæ potestate. In cujus rei testimonium, sigillum nostrum præsentibus est appensum. Datum apud Richal', quinto die Septembris.

f. 102.[1]

Injungatur ei, quod, per sex dies Dominicos, in tunica sua, omni superiori indumento deposito, nisi tunica[2] et

[1] Both the ancient and the modern foliation mark this folio as 102, omitting folio 101, but the context would seem to shew that no leaf is wanting.

[2] *tunica*] "tena" in MS.

An. Episc. 3. velo duntaxat in capite, teneat unum cereum accensum, ponderis unius libræ, ad missam beatæ Mariæ, in Galilea Dunolmi, a principio missæ usque in finem, et tunc offerat ad altare; et per sex dies Dominicos tunc sequentes similem faciat pœnitentiam, in ecclesia parochiali de Stayndrop', ad magnam missam; et quod, singulis sextis feriis, per istum annum, incipiens ad primam sextam feriam, post pœnitentiam sibi injunctam, jejunet in pane et aqua; et per sex annos sequentes, singulis sextis feriis in Quadragesima, idem faciat, et singulis quartis feriis, abstineat a piscibus et a vino. A.D. 1313.

Commissio ad condemnandum in causa recognitionis.

Ricardus, permissione divina, Dunolmensis episcopus, dilecto filio, magistro Willelmo, perpetuo vicario ecclesiæ de Gaynford', nostræ diœcesis, salutem. De vestra fidelitate et discretione fiduciam obtinentes, ad audiendum et admittendum confessiones et recognitiones illorum, nostræ diœcesis, qui voluerint facere et recognoscere, coram vobis, se teneri et obligari dilectis filiis abbati et conventui monasterii Beatæ Mariæ Eboracensis, dictam ecclesiam in proprios usus obtinentibus, vel eorum procuratori, suo nomine, in aliquibus pecuniarum summis, ex quacunque causa licita, et ipsos, juxta eorum confessiones et recognitiones, in hujusmodi pecuniarum summis, per præcepti sententiam, condemnandum, ad satisfaciendum dictis abbati et conventui, vel eorum procuratori, de ipsis pecuniarum summis, terminis ad hoc statuendis, sub pœna excommunicationis majoris, per vos ex tunc in ipsos inferenda, si non satisfecerint terminis assignatis, vobis, tenore præsentium, committimus, vices nostras cum coercionis canonicæ potestate. Valete. Datum apud Richall', xiij°. die mensis Septembris, pontificatus nostri anno tertio. Commission to receive the recognizances of those who desire to make them, as to debts due to the abbot and convent of St. Mary in York.

Memorandum.—

Quod xxij°. die Septembris, anno Domini, etc. [M°.ccc°.] tertio decimo, probatum fuit, coram domino episcopo, testamentum Alex- Probate of the last will of Alexander de Suynburn.

A.D. 1313. delivered to his executors.

andri de Suynburn', et commissa fuit executoribus, in dicto testamento nominatis, administratio bonorum dictum defunctum, infra diœcesim Dunolmensem, contingentium. An. Episc. 8.

Letters obligatory of John de Snaynton to John Vanne.

Memorandum.— Quod xxiij°. die Septembris, anno supradicto, habuit magister Johannes de Snaynton' literam obligatoriam de lxxiij. *li.*, factam Johanni Vanne, solvendis eidem, vel suo certo attornato, apud Eboracum, vel Londonias, infra quindenam Sancti Martini proxime futuri, sine dilatione.

Appointment of Robert de Pyncebek as the bishop of Durham's proctor at Rome.

Procuratorium in curia Romana. Pateat universis per præsentes, quod nos, Ricardus, permissione divina, Dunolmensis episcopus, ad impetrandum literas in sacrosancta Romana curia, tam simplices, quam legendas, gratiam, seu justitiam continentes, nomine nostro, et ecclesiæ nostræ Dunolmensis, literis contra nos, seu ecclesiam nostram antedictam, impetratis, vel impetrandis, contradicendum, judices et loca eligendum et recusandum, et in eisdem conveniendum et consentiendum, appellandum, appellationes prosequendum, quodlibet genus liciti sacramenti in animam nostram præstandum, cautiones solitas exigendum et exponendum, alium procuratorem, loco sui, ad præmissa omnia substituendum, et substitutum revocandum, ac procuratoris officium reassumendum, quotienscunque et quandocunque sibi visum fuerit expedire, eundem, vel alium, ad præmissa iterum substituendum, dilectum nobis in Christo, magistrum Robertum de Pyncebek', clericum, procuratorem nostrum facimus, ordinamus et constituimus, per præsentes; ratum habituri et firmum, quicquid per prædictum magistrum Robertum, substitutum vel substitutos, ab eodem, actum fuerit in præmissis, seu aliquo præmissorum. Et in horum testimonium, præsentes literas sigillo nostro fecimus communiri. Datum apud Rychall', xxiij°. die Septembris, anno Domini millesimo ccc°. tertio decimo.

An. Episc. 3. Procuratorium ad parliamentum domini regis.

A.D. 1313. Appointment of proxies to the king's parliament at Westminster.

Excellentissimo principi, et domino suo, semper reverendo, domino Edwardo, Dei gratia, regi Angliæ illustri, domino Hiberniæ, et duci Aquitaniæ, suus devotissimus capellanus, Ricardus, ejusdem miseratione, Dunolmensis episcopus, salutem in Eo, per Quem reges regnant, et principes dominantur. Excellentiæ [vestræ] regiæ innotescimus, per præsentes, quod nos dilectos nobis in Christo dominos, Willelmum de Rasen', Willelmum de Ayremyn', et magistrum Johannem de Snaynton' clericos, conjunctim, et eorum quemlibet in solidum, per se divisim, ita quod non [sit] melior conditio occupantis, sed quod unus inceperit, alius continuare prosequi valeat, et finire, procuratores nostros facimus et constituimus, coram vobis, in instanti parliamento vestro, hac die Dominica, proxima post festum Sancti Matthæi Apostoli, proxime venturum, apud Westmonasterium, dante Domino, celebrando, ad tractandum, nomine nostro, vobiscum, et cum prælatis, magnatibus, et proceribus, regni vestri, super hiis, quæ in dicto parliamento tractari debent, et ad faciendum et consentiendum hiis, quæ tunc de communi consilio ibidem, favente Altissimo, contigerit ordinari, juxta tenorem literarum vestrarum, nobis super hoc, in hac, parte, specialiter directarum; ratum et firmum habituri quicquid præfati procuratores nostri, conjunctim et divisim, nomine nostro, fecerint in præmissis. In cujus rei testimonium sigillum nostrum præsentibus duximus apponendum. Vestram excelsitudinem, ad regimen populi sui, conservet Altissimus in felicitate votiva, per tempora prospera et longæva. Datum apud le Welehall', xij°. die mensis Septembris, anno Domini etc. [M°.ccc°.] tertio decimo.

Certificatorium curiæ Eboracensis.

f. 102 b. Certificate of the ecclesiastical court at York relative to the divorce of

Reverendæ discretionis viro . . officiali curiæ Eboracensis, Ricardus, permissione divina, Dunolmensis episcopus, salutem, cum debitis obedientia, reverentia et honore. Manda-

A.D. 1313. Ida de Nevill from John son of Richard Marmaduke.

tum vestrum, xx°. die Augusti, recepimus, tenorem continens infrascriptum:—Venerabili in Christo patri, domino Ricardo, Dei gratia, Dunolmensi episcopo . . . officialis curiæ Eboracensis, salutem, cum reverentia et honore debitis. Sua nobis dominus Ricardus Marmeduk' miles, vestræ diœcesis, petitione monstravit, quod cum in negotio, quod, ad promotionem dominæ Idæ de Nevill', super divortio, ut prætendebatur, celebrato, inter Johannem filium Marmaducy militem, dum vixit, jam defunctum, et præfatam dominam, Idam, ex officio vestro, coram vobis, non ex delegatione apostolica, procedentibus, vertebatur, ex parte domini Ricardi, fuisset, in forma juris, excipiendo propositum, quod mandatum cuidam Thomæ de Elveth', procuratori ipsius domini Ricardi, in præfato negotio, factum primitus, et concessum, per eundem dominum Ricardum, ipso Thoma revocationi hujusmodi expresse consentiente, certis ex causis, et legitimis, extitit revocatum; quæ quidem revocatio parti dictæ dominæ Idæ, dicti officii vestri, ut præmittitur promotrici, ac omnibus quorum interest, sufficienter notificata fuerat; quod etiam pars dictæ dominæ Idæ, coram commissariis vestris, judicialiter est confessa; propter quod, cum præfato Thoma pro procuratore, in præfato negotio se ingerente, sicut prius, obstante revocatione hujusmodi, de jure procedi non potuit, nec debeat; nec processus aliquis cum eodem Thoma, tanquam cum falso procuratore, habitus, post revocationem prædictam, de jure debuit subsistere, nec vestri processus continuari processui hujusmodi poteras quovismodo; quæ omnia et singula, dictus dominus Ricardus obtulit se, coram vobis legitime probaturum, petens exceptionem hujusmodi, et se ad probationem ejusdem, in forma juris, per vos admitti et justitiam debitam sibi fieri, in præmissis; vos tamen exceptionem hujusmodi admittere, seu justitiam debitam in præmissis facere, non curastis. Propter quæ, et eorum quodlibet, memoratus dominus Ricardus, sentiens se, ad An. Episc. 3.

An. Episc. 3. instantiam et promotionem præfatæ dominæ Idæ, per vos indebite prægravari, curiæ Eboracensi legitime, sicut asserit, appellavit. Quocirca, reverendæ paternitati vestræ, cum ea reverentia, qua decet, auctoritate dictæ curiæ, inhibemus, et, per vos, omnibus aliis quibus jus inhiberi exigit, et permittit inhiberi, volumus et mandamus, ne, pendente in dicta curia hujusmodi appellationis causa, quicquam in partis appellantis præjudicium attentetis, seu faciatis per alios quomodolibet attentari, quominus appellationem suam libere prosequi valeat, ut intendit. Citamus vos, insuper, peremptorie, per præsentes, et, per vos, dictam dominam Idam, dicti officii vestri promotricem, citari volumus et mandamus, quod compareatis, et compareat, coram nobis, vel commissario nostro, in majore ecclesia Eboraci, die Veneris proxima ante festum Sancti Michaelis, in prædicta appellationis causa processuri, et ulterius facturi, quod justitia suadebit. De die vero porrectionis præsentium vobis factæ, et quid feceritis, seu faciendum duxeritis, in præmissis, nobis, vel . ., commissario nostro, ad eundem diem Veneris constare faciatis, per vestras patentes literas, harum seriem continentes. Datum Eboraci, xiij. kal. Septembris, anno gratiæ millesimo ccc^mo^. tertio decimo. A.D. 1313.

Quod quidem mandatum, quatenus debuimus aut debemus, sumus reverentia, qua decuit, executi. Datum apud Rychall', xxiij^o^. die Septembris, anno Domini millesimo ccc^o^. tertio decimo.

[Ab]solutio domini Ranulphi de Nevill'.

Absolution of Sir Ranulph de Nevill from a sentence of excommunication.

Universis Christi fidelibus, præsentes literas inspecturis, Ricardus, permissione divina, Dunolmensis episcopus, salutem in omnium Salvatore. Universitatis vestræ notitiæ deducimus, per præsentes, quod cum dudum dominus Ranulphus de Nevill' miles, propter suas manifestas et multiplicatas contumacias, et offensas, coram nobis, et commissariis nostris, diversimode contractas, fuisset,

A.D. 1313. tam per nos, quam per ipsos commissarios, diversis excommunicationum sententiis, suadente justitia, innodatus, ac easdem sententias diu sustinuisset, animo indurato, demum ad cor rediens, idem dominus Ranulphus, per dominum Johannem de Tweng', militem, procuratorem suum, literatorie constitutum, in capella nostra de Evenwod', die Martis proximo post festum Sancti Michaelis, anno Domini millesimo ccc°. tertio decimo, comparuit coram nobis, dicti domini sui status reformationem, ac absolutionis beneficium, petens humiliter, a sententiis supradictis. Cum enim alma mater ecclesia suum non claudit gremium redeunti, dictum dominum Ranulphum ab excommunicationum sententiis, in eum, per nos et commissarios nostros quoscunque, ex quibuscunque causis, latis, in persona dicti procuratoris sui, hoc humiliter postulantem, recepto prius ab eo de stando et parendo mandatis ecclesiæ solito juramento, in forma juris absolvimus, et absolutum restituimus ecclesiæ sacramentis, reservata nobis, quando nobis videbitur expediens, pro dictis offensis eidem salutari pœnitentia injungenda. In cujus rei testimonium, sigillum nostrum præsentibus duximus apponendum. Datum apud Evenwod', die et anno supradictis et pontificatus nostri tertio. An. Episc. 3.

f. 103. Acquittance to Sir Ranulph de Nevill for the armour of Sir John Spryng.

Acquietancia domini Ranulphi de Nevill' de armatura domini Johannis Spring'.

Universis Christi fidelibus pateat per præsentes, quod nos, Ricardus, permissione divina, Dunelmensis episcopus, recepimus a domino Ranulpho de Nevill' milite, per manus domini Johannis de Twenge militis, illas armaturas, quæ fuerunt domini Johannis Spryng', militis, qui intestatus decessit, quæ æstimabantur ad xxiiij. *li.*, et coram nobis judicialiter extitit confessus, ac [pro] eisdem, vel valore, per præcepti sententiam condemnatus; de quibus ipsum dominum Ranulphum quietum facimus, per præsentes, salva nobis potestate residuum dictorum armorum petendi ab eodem, super quibus

An. Episc. 3. nuper ipsum convenimus, pro loco et tempore opportunis. In cujus rei testimonium, sigillum nostrum præsentibus duximus apponendum. Datum apud Evenwod', ij°. die Octobris, anno Domini M°.ccc°.xiij°. et pontificatus nostri tertio. A.D. 1313.

Institutio Hugonis de Swynburn' in ecclesia de Knaresdale.

Institution of Hugh de Swynburn into the church of Knaresdale, void by the death of John de Rydeleye on the presentation of John Prat.

Ricardus, permissione divina, Dunolmensis episcopus, dilecto in Christo filio, Hugoni de Swynburn', salutem, gratiam et benedictionem. Ad parochialem ecclesiam de Knaresdale, nostræ diœcesis Dunolmensis, per mortem domini Johannis de Rydeleye, ultimi rectoris ejusdem, vacantem, et ad præsentationem Johannis Prat', veri, prout per inquisitionem, inde factam, accepimus, patroni ejusdem, spectantem, te admittimus, et rectorem instituimus in eadem. In cujus rei testimonium, præsentes literas tibi fieri, et nostro sigillo fecimus communiri. Datum apud Evenwod', tertio die Octobris, anno Domini millesimo ccc°. tertio decimo, et pontificatus nostri tertio.

Inductio ejusdem.

Et eodem die, mandatum fuit archidiacono Northumbriæ, quod ipsum induceret.

Inquisitio super eodem.

Inquisition made relative to the presentation to the church of Knaresdale.

Reverendo in Christo patri, domino Ricardo, Dei gratia, Dunolmensi episcopo, suus humilis et devotus, . . officialis domini archidiaconi Northumbriæ, omnem reverentiam et obedientiam, debitas tanto patri. Mandatum vestrum, nuper recepi, in hæc verba:—Ricardus, permissione divina, etc., dilecto filio, domino archidiacono Northumbriæ, vel ejus . . officiali, salutem, gratiam et benedictionem. Præsentavit nobis dilectus filius, Johannes Prat', ad ecclesiam parochialem de Knaresdal', vacantem, et ad suam præsentationem spectantem, ut dicit, Hugonem de Swynburn', clericum. Quocirca, vobis mandamus, quatenus, in pleno loci capitulo, inquiratis an dicta ecclesia vacet, et a quo

A.D. 1313. tempore vacavit; quis sit patronus ejusdem; quis ultimo, tempore pacis, ad eam præsentavit; quis sit in possessione præsentandi; de vero, etiam, valore ejusdem ecclesiæ; an sit pensionaria, et cui, et in quantum; an sit litigiosa, et inter quos; de moribus et conditionibus præsentati, cujus ætatis sit, et in quibus ordinibus constitutus; an sit alibi beneficiatus; et utrum de uno vel de pluribus beneficiis consimilem curam habentibus; et de aliis articulis consuetis. Et quid super hiis inveneritis, per vestras literas clausas, harum seriem continentes, sub vestro, et eorum sigillis, per quos facta fuerit hujusmodi inquisitio, nobis constare dilucide faciatis. Valete. Datum apud Rychal', xxiij°. die Septembris, pontificatus nostri tertio.— An. Episc. 3.

Quod quidem mandatum vestrum executus sum plenarie, prout inferius, in inquisitione facta, continetur, per vicarios et capellanos parochiales; videlicet, per vicarium de Staunfordham, vicarium de Wardon', vicarium de Corbrig', vicarium de Bywell' Andreæ, et capellanos parochiales de Chollerton', Thokerington', Symundburn', Quelpington', Slaveley', Ovyngham, Hautwysel' et Kyrkehalnyth'. Qui dicunt, quod ecclesia de Knaresdale vacat, et cœpit vacare a die Sabbati proxima ante festum Decollationis Sancti Johannis Baptistæ, proxime præteritum, per mortem domini Johannis de Riddeleye. Dicunt etiam, quod Johannes Prat' est verus patronus ejusdem ecclesiæ, et ultimo præsentavit ad eandem, tempore pacis, et est in possessione præsentandi, et valet per annum x. *li.* sterlingorum; non est pensionaria, nec litigiosa. Dicunt etiam, quod præsentatus est bene morigeratus, et est de ætate xxiij. annorum, et habet primam tonsuram, non est alibi beneficiatus, et est liber et legitimus. Super aliis articulis requisiti, penitus nihil sciunt. In cujus rei etc. Datum apud Corbrig', iiij. kal. Octobris, anno Domini supradicto.

An. Episc. 3. Acquietancia. Universis pateat per præsentes, quod nos, Ricardus, permissione divina, etc., recepimus, per manus magistri Ricardi de Eryum, officialis nostri, de persona ecclesiæ de Wermuth', xx. *s.*, de abbate de Jedeword', xxij. *s.* iiij. *d.*, de rectore de Howyk', x. *s.* viij. *d.*, de hospitali de Gretham, viij. *s.* x. *d. ob. q*ª., de priore de Brynkeburn', xlj. *s.* ix. *d.*, de priore Kark', v. *s.* ix. *d.*, de ecclesia de Middelham, xiiij. *s.* v. *d. q*ª., de ecclesia de Aldeston', v. *s.* iiij. *d. ob.*, de hospitali de Shirburn', lxxvj. *s.* v. *d. ob.*, de ecclesia Sancti Ægidii in Satteley, iiij. *s.* v. *d. q.*, de domo de Kypier, xiiij. *s.* iiij. *d.*, de abbate de Albaland', xij. *s.*, de ecclesia de Dalton', xv. *s.* j. *d. q*ª., de ecclesia de Brankeston', vij. *s.* j. *d. q.*, de vicario de Letebyri, viij. *s.* x. *d. ob.*, et de hospitali de Gatesheved, xij. *s.*, de arreragiis quintædecimæ domino regi, qui nunc est, dudum apud Northampton concessæ; et de ecclesia de Seggefeld', xl. *s.*, de ecclesia de Whyteberne, xxxiij. *s.* iiij. *d.*, de præbenda, quæ fuit Willelmi de Brompton' in ecclesia Cestr', xx. *s.*, de arreragiis medietatis domino Edwardo, quondam regi Angliæ, patri domini regis, qui nunc est, dudum a clero concessæ. In quorum testimonium, sigillum nostrum præsentibus est appensum. Datum apud Evenwod', tertio die Octobris, anno Gratiæ millesimo cccº. tertio decimo, et pontificatus nostri tertio.

A.D 1313. Acquittance of Richard de Eryum for divers sums of money received from various ecclesiastics.

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Acquietancia de decima sexenniali. Pateat universis, per præsentes, quod nos, Ricardus, etc., decimæ sexennialis, per sanctissimum patrem, dominum Clementem, papam, Quintum, impositæ, in nostris civitate et diœcesi collector, recepimus a religiosis viris . . . priore et conventu Dunolmensibus, ejusdem decimæ subcollectoribus per nos deputatis, ducentas et tres marcas, de dicta decima, per eosdem collectas, nos primo termino primi anni contingentes; quas, propter majorem loci securitatem, fatemur nos habere et ser-

Acquittance of the prior and convent of Durham, sub-collectors of the tenth imposed by Pope Clement V., as to 203 marks.

A.D. 1313. vare in castro nostro Dunolmi, in deposito, liberandas nuncio vel nunciis dicti domini papæ, cum super hoc fuerimus congrue requisiti. In cujus rei testimonium, sigillum nostrum præsentibus est appensum. Datum apud Evenwod', primo die Octobris, anno Domini millesimo ccc°. tertio decimo, et pontificatus nostri tertio. An. Episc. 3.

Licence to Hugh de Swynburn to attend the Schools.

Licentia adeundi Scholas.

Ricardus, permissione divina, Dunolmensis episcopus, dilecto filio, Hugoni de Swynburn', subdiacono, rectori ecclesiæ parochialis de Knaresdale, nostræ diœcesis, salutem, gratiam et benedictionem. Eorum salubre propositum, qui, ut aliis proficiant, per laudabilia merita studere cupiunt, et affectant fructus uberes bonorum operum, processu temporis, auctore Domino, producturi, non immerito compellimur commendare, ac ipsorum votis, prono animo, condescendere, tanquam continentibus debitum honestatis. Tuæ igitur devotionis precibus favorabiliter inclinati, tibi, ut in loco aliquo ubi Generale viget Studium, scholasticis exercitiis insistendo, morari libere valeas a data præsentium usque in quinquennium revolutum, et interim ad residentiam minime tenearis, gratiose licentiam impertimur; proviso quod ecclesiæ tuæ, durante dicto tempore deserviatur laudabiliter in divinis, et in eadem animarum cura minime negligatur. In cujus [rei] testimonium, sigillum nostrum præsentibus duximus apponendum. Datum apud Evenwod', tertio die Octobris, anno Domini millesimo ccc°. tertio decimo, et pontificatus nostri tertio.

Letters dimissory for ordination as acolyte and subdeacon.

Memorandum.— Quod prædictis die, loco, et anno, concessit dominus literas dimissorias, ad ordines acolytatus et subdiaconatus, eidem Hugoni.

Indulgence of 40 days granted to those who contribute to building

Memorandum.— Quod sexto die Octobris, anno Domini millesimo ccc°. tertio decimo, concessit dominus xl. dies veniæ omnibus, qui ad fabricam

An. Episc. 3. pontis de Whytton' in Weredale grata contulerint subsidia caritatis. [A.D. 1313. the bridge of Whytton in Weredale.

Memorandum.— Quod quinto die Octobris, anno Domini supradicto, concessit dominus literas dimissorias, ad omnes ordines, Waltero de Heghington'. Letters dimissory for Walter de Heghington.

Procuratorium super appropriatione ecclesiæ de Wolouer. Universis pateat per præsentes, quod nos, abbas et conventus monasterii de Alnewyk', ordinis Premonstratensis, Dunolmensis diœcesis, facimus et constituimus dilectum nobis in Christo, patrem Johannem de Otteley, concanonicum nostrum, procuratorem nostrum, et nuncium specialem, ad porrigendum venerabili in Christo, patri et domino, domino Ricardo, Dei gratia, Dunolmensi episcopo, literas submissionis ordinationi ejusdem de ecclesiis de Fenton' et de Wlour', et juris nostri in eisdem, per nos factæ; et ad submittendum actualiter, tam dictam ecclesiam de Fenton', quam nos in usus proprios obtinemus, quam ecclesiam ipsam de Wlour', cujus patroni sumus, et totum jus nostrum in eisdem, ac nos, quoad illa et ea contingentia, ordinationi ejusdem patris; ac ad consentiendum, pro nobis, et nostro nomine, unioni et consolidationi dictarum ecclesiarum, si eas unire et consolidare duxerit, et omnibus aliis, quæ idem pater de eisdem ecclesiis, aut earum fructibus, ac etiam appropriatione earundem, ordinatione vicariæ, et ejus collatione, ac cujuscunque pensionis annuæ sibi, et ecclesiæ suæ, reservatione, duxerit ordinanda; ordinationemque suam admittendum et acceptandum, et ad faciendum omnia et singula, quæ in casu hujusmodi necessaria fuerint, seu etiam opportuna; ratum et gratum habituri, quicquid idem procurator noster in præmissis, nomine nostro, fecerit, vel aliquo præmissorum. In quorum testimonium, præsentibus sigillum commune capituli nostri est ap- Appointment of a proctor by the abbot and convent of Alnewyk, in the matter of the appropriation of the churches of Wolouer and Fenton.

A.D. 1313. pensum. Datum apud Alnewyk', quarto kal. Octobris, anno Domini M°.ccc°. tertio decimo. An. Episc. 3.

Submission of the abbot and convent of Alnewyk to the decision of the bishop of Durham, in the matter relating to the appropriation of the church of Fenton.

Submissio ejusdem.

Universis Christi fidelibus pateat per præsentes, quod cum nos, abbas et conventus monasterii de Alnewyk', ordinis Premonstratensis, Dunolmensis diœcesis, fuissemus, super ordinanda vicaria in ecclesia de Fenton', dictæ diœcesis, quam nos, in usus proprios, a diu tenuimus, et tenemus, et assignanda portione fructuum et proventuum ipsius ecclesiæ, pro sustentatione vicarii, inibi servituri, ex officio quorundam episcoporum Dunolmensium, suorumque vicariorum, officialium, et ministorum, multotiens impetiti; nos, considerantes, quod ipsa ecclesia adeo tenuis et exilis existet, quod si vicariam in ipsa ecclesia contigerit ordinari, vix pro ea sufficerent, quæ [ad] ipsam ecclesiam pertinent supradictam; eandem ecclesiam de Fenton', necnon ecclesiam de Wlour', dictæ diœcesis, cujus patroni sumus, et omnia ad easdem ecclesias pertinentia, aut nos, earum occasione, ordinationi, venerabilis in Christo, patris et domini, domini Ricardi, Dei gratia, Dunolmensis episcopi, pure, sponte, simpliciter, et absolute, ac alte et basse, submittimus, per præsentes. In quorum testimonium, sigillum commune capituli nostri præsentibus est appensum. Datum apud Alnewyk', in capitulo nostro, in vigilia Sancti Laurentii, anno Domini M°.ccc°. tertio decimo.

f. 104. Appropriation of the churches of Wllouer and Fenton to the abbot and convent of Alnewyk.

Appropriatio ecclesiæ de Wllouer.

Ricardus, permissione divina, Dunolmensis episcopus, dilectis filiis, abbati et conventui monasterii de Alnewyk', ordinis Premonstratensis, nostræ diœcesis, ecclesiam de Fenton ejusdem diœcesis, in usus proprios obtinentibus, ac patronis ecclesiæ parochialis de Wllouer, dictæ nostræ diœcesis, salutem, gratiam et benedictionem. Matris ecclesiæ circumspecta benignitas illorum gravaminibus libentius

An. Episc. 8. compatitur, et oppressionibus promptius providet, quos, vitæ et morum excellentia præfulgentes, virtuosa morum præmia dignos reddunt potioribus attolli favoribus et majoribus beneficiis honorari. Cum igitur dicta ecclesia de Fenton', in qua, super ordinanda vicaria, et assignanda portione eidem, fuistis per prædecessores nostros, Dunolmenses episcopos, . . eorumque vicarios . . officiales et . . ministros, multotiens impetiti, adeo tenuis et exilis existat, quod si vicaria in ea ordinata fuisset, et ei portio competens de fructibus ejusdem ecclesiæ assignata, rectoria vobis inutilis remaneret, eademque ecclesia ecclesiæ de Wllouer prædictæ adeo vicina existat, quod per rectorem, vel vicarium, qui in ecclesia ipsa de Wllouer, pro tempore, fuerit, eadem ecclesia de Fenton' commode regi valeat, et ejus cura peragi competenter: nos, admissa submissione vestra, per quam vos dictas ecclesias de Wllouer et de Fenton' nostræ ordinationi, tam per vestras patentes literas, super ipsa submissione confectas, quam per fratrem Johannem de Otteley, concanonicum et procuratorem vestrum, ad id sufficientem potestatem habentem, pure et totaliter submisistis, exilitatem dictarum ecclesiarum, evidentemque utilitatem earundem, concurrentem, et vicinitatem earum sollicite ponderantes, habita super hiis, in forma canonica, cum capitulo nostro ecclesiæ Dunolmensis, et aliunde, diligenti tractatu, et solemni, omnibusque concurrentibus et servatis, quæ in casu hujusmodi quomodolibet requirantur, memoratas ecclesias de Wllouer et de Fenton, de assensu vestro, et dicti procuratoris vestri, coram nobis personaliter constituti, pontificali auctoritate, unimus et consolidamus, statuentes et decernentes quod de cætero unum et idem beneficium ecclesiasticum de Wllouer nuncupetur, et sic perpetuis futuris temporibus habeatur. Cumque, pro vestris incommodis amovendis, eo propensius cogitare astringimur, quo certus canonicorum numerus, pro animabus patronorum vestrorum, et episcoporum Dun- A.D. 1313.

A.D. 1313. olmensium, specialiter celebrantium, qui etiam "Canonici An. Episc. 3
"Episcopi" nuncupantur, in vestro est monasterio constitutus, vosque in vinea Domini per regulares observantias Deo placabiles, hospitalitatem honorabilem, et alia multiplicia caritatis opera, novimus vigilantius insigniri, et proinde vobis, et monasterio vestro, compellimur gratiam facere ampliorem; ad lamentabilem igitur statum vestrum, et monasterium vestrum juxta Marchiam Scotiæ, in via regia, notorie situatum, et alia loca vestra nonnulla per repentini incendii voraginem jam consumpta, necnon per sævientem Scotorum incursum, deprædationes innumeras, et hostiles invasiones multiplices, in favillam et cineres jam redacta, aliis bonis vestris nihilominus sic consumptis, quod ad reparationem consumptionis hujusmodi, et ad alia quæ incumbunt onera supportanda, vestræ non sufficiunt facultates, oculos nostros compassionabiliter dirigentes, intimeque pensantes, quod, ob quotidianum adventum regalis exercitus et frequentem aliorum supervenientium ad monasterium vestrum concursum undique, onerosum, hospitalitas vestra, quæ ad præmissa non sufficit, plus solito aggravatur, quodque exactiones varias non consuetas, non sine mole gravi, indies sustinetis; inducimur ex hiis et aliis, obnixius et arctamur, ut, in tanta necessitate, ob causas prædictas, et augmentum cultus divini, per bonorum temporalium incrementum, vobis ac monasterio vestro prædicto, ad vestram indigentiam relevandam, quatenus, sine læsione ecclesiæ nostræ Dunolmensis, et juris nostri, possimus debite succurramus. Habito igitur in hac parte cum capitulo nostro prædicto, ac cum dilecto filio, magistro Roberto de Erium, dictæ ecclesiæ de Wlouer nunc rectore, et omnibus quibus exigit, solemni tractatu, et etiam diligenti, omnibusque concurrentibus, quæ de jure in casu hujusmodi requiruntur, invocato Dei nomine, ecclesiam parochialem de Wllouer prædictam, cujus patroni estis, cum dicta capella de Fenton', et

An. Episc. 3. omnibus et singulis ad easdem ecclesiam, et capellam A.D. 1313.
suam, pertinentibus, vobis, et monasterio vestro, in proprios usus vestros, et successorum vestrorum, habendam, et perpetuo possidendam, pontificali auctoritate, appropriamus, concedimus et donamus; ita quod, cedente, vel decedente, rectore dictæ ecclesiæ, qui nunc est, liceat vobis, et successoribus vestris, auctoritate tamen nostra, vel successorum nostrorum, ipsam ecclesiam, cum capella prædicta, et earundem ecclesiæ et capellæ pertinentiis universis, libere ingredi, et ex tunc in usus vestros proprios convertere, prout videritis expedire. Salva nobis, et successoribus nostris, potestate ordinandi et præficiendi, in eventu, vicarium perpetuum in eadem, et unum mansum pro eo, in villa de Wllouer, et aliud mansum in villa de Fenton', pro uno capellano, ac portionem congruam pro vicario ipso, quam decernimus non debere xvj. marcarum argenti summam excedere, assignandi; sed volumus quod vicarii, qui pro tempore ibidem fuerint, xvj. marcas per manus abbatis de Alnewyk', qui pro tempore ibidem fuerit, ad festa Pentecostes et Sancti Martini in hieme, per portiones æquales, annis singulis, pro portione sua, pro se et capellanis suis in dictis ecclesia et capella servituris, percipiendas, in pecunia numerata, perpetuo sint contenti. Salva etiam nobis, et successoribus nostris, epi-
f 104 b. scopis Dunolmensibus, qui pro tempore fuerint, pensione annua quatuor marcarum, ad scaccarium Dunolmi ad festa prædicta, per partes æquales, annis singulis, per vos et successores vestros, perpetuo persolvendarum. Quarum quidem vicariæ collationem ac pensionis annuæ perceptionem, in recompensationem læsionis, quam, occasione præmissorum, nostra Dunolmensis ecclesia est passura, nobis et successoribus nostris, de consensu vestro expresso, totaliter reservamus, vobisque ad id consentientibus, ipsam pensionem annuam, et ejus solutionem, imponimus perpetuo, ut præmittitur, faciendam, jure et libertate ecclesiæ nostræ Dunolmensis in omni-

A.D. 1313. bus, et per omnia, semper salvis. In cujus rei testi- An. Episc. 3.
monium, sigillum nostrum præsentibus duximus apponendum. Datum apud Evenwode, tertio die Octobris, anno Domini M°.CCC°. tertio decimo, et pontificatus nostri tertio.

Grant of an annual pension of four marks to the bishop and church of Durham by the prior and convent of Alnewyk.

Pensio ejusdem.

Universis sanctæ matris ecclesiæ filiis, ad quorum notitiam præsentes literæ pervenerint, abbas et conventus monasterii de Alnewyk, Premonstratensis ordinis, Dunolmensis diœcesis, ecclesiam parochialem de Wlouer ejusdem diœcesis in usus proprios obtinentes, salutem in Domino. Noveritis nos, pro nobis et successoribus nostris, in recompensationem læsionis, quam Dunolmensis ecclesia patitur, et patietur, occasione appropriationis, per venerabilem patrem et dominum, dominum Ricardum, Dei gratia, Dunolmensem episcopum, de eadem ecclesia de Wollouer, cum capellis adjacentibus, et suis pertinentiis, nobis, et monasterio nostro, factæ, teneri, et firmiter obligari, dictæ ecclesiæ Dunolmensi, et episcopo Dunolmensi, qui pro tempore fuerit, in quatnor marcis argenti, ad scaccarium Dunolmi, annis singulis, de fructibus et proventibus ecclesiarum, quas in diœcesi Dunolmensi in usus proprios obtinemus, ad festa Sancti Martini in hieme, et Pentecostes, per portiones æquales, perpetuo persolvendis: ad quam quidem solutionem dictis loco et terminis fideliter, annis singulis ut præmittitur, faciendam, obligamus nos et successores nostros, monasteriumque nostrum, et ecclesias nostras, in diœcesi Dunolmensi existentes, ac bona nostra, mobilia et immobilia, ubicunque inventa, coercioni et districtioni dicti patris, et cujuscunque judicis alterius competentis. Concedimus etiam, quod cum vicaria in eadem, secundum formam in literis dicti patris, super appropriatione prædictæ ecclesiæ, nobis factis fuerit ordinata, bene liceat dicto patri, ejusque successoribus, qui pro tempore fuerint, ipsam vicariam, quandocunque eam vacare

An. Episc. 3. contigerit, conferre cuicunque voluerint, absque nostra et successorum nostrorum contradictione qualibet, vel querela. In cujus rei testimonium, sigillum commune capituli nostri præsentibus literis est appensum. Datum in capitulo nostro de Alnewyk', septimo die mensis Octobris, anno Domini M°.ccc°. decimo tertio. A.D. 1313.

Resignatio ejusdem. Venerabili in Christo patri, et domino suo semper reverendo, domino Ricardo, Dei gratia, Dunolmensi episcopo, suus humilis et devotus filius, Robertus de Erium, rector ecclesiæ de Wollouer, vestræ Dunolmensis diœcesis, salutem, obedientiam, reverentiam et honorem. Ecclesiam meam de Wollouer prædictam, et totum jus quod habeo in eadem, pure, sponte, simpliciter et absolute, in sacras manus vestras resigno. In cujus rei testimonium, sigillum meum præsentibus est appensum. Datum apud Evenwode, nono die Octobris, anno Domini millesimo trecentesimo tertio decimo. Resignation of the church of Wollouer by Robert de Eryum to the bishop of Durham.

Institutio ejusdem. Ricardus, permissione divina, Dunolmensis episcopus, dilecto filio . . . . . archidiacono Northumbriæ, vel . . . ejus officiali, salutem, gratiam et benedictionem. Cum ecclesiam parochialem de Wllouer, cum capella de Fenton', ab eadem dependente, et omnibus pertinentibus ad dictam ecclesiam et capellam, nostræ diœcesis, concesserimus et appropriaverimus dilectis filiis abbati et conventui de Alnewyk', ejusdem nostræ diœcesis, ordinis Premonstratensis, in proprios usus perpetuo possidendam, a tempore quo eam primo vacare contigerit, ipsaque ecclesia, per liberam resignationem dilecti filii magistri Roberti de Erium, nuper rectoris ejusdem, vacet ad præsens; vobis mandamus, quatenus quam citius commode poteritis, ipsos in possessionem dictæ ecclesiæ, cum suis pertinentiis, inducatis, facientes eis de omnimodis decimis, obventionibus, et proventibus, ad dictam ecclesiam pertinentibus, inte- Institution of the abbot and convent of Alnewyk into the parish church of Wollouer with the chapel of Fenton.

A.D. 1313. graliter responderi. Valete. Datum apud Evenwode, An. Episc. 3. nono die Octobris, pontificatus nostri anno tertio.

Commission appointing William de Quicham as the bishop's official in the diocese of Durham.

Commissio officialitatis Dunolmensis.

Ricardus, permissione divina, Dunolmensis episcopus, dilecto filio, magistro Willelmo de Quicham, decano ecclesiæ præbendalis [de] Langecestr', salutem, gratiam et benedictionem. De tuæ circumspectæ discretionis industria gerentes fiduciam specialem, te in officialem nostrum Dunolmensem, cum cujuslibet coercionis canonicæ potestate, præficimus et creamus; tibi nihilominus ad inquirendum de quibuscunque excessibus, et eos debite corrigendum et puniendum, potestatem plenariam, tenore præsentium, committentes. Valete. Datum apud Evenwod', xiij°. die Octobris, anno Domini millesimo ccc°. xiij°. et pontificatus nostri tertio.

Citation of Sir Ralph de Nevill to undergo public penance in the church of Stayndrop for his crimes.

Citatio domini Ranulphi de Nevill' ad suscipiendum pœnitentiam.

Ricardus, permissione divina, Dunolmensis episcopus, dilectis filiis, magistris Ricardo de Hoton perpetuo vicario ecclesiæ de Ackeley, et Thomæ de Epplingden' clerico nostro, salutem, etc. Jubente sancta matre ecclesia, ad hoc indicitur delinquentibus pœnitentia salutaris, ut, suis derelictis erroribus, ad ejusdem gremium devotius redeant, in ipsos reatus et offensas, pro quibus hujusmodi pœnitentia salubriter infligitur, minime relapsuri. Cum igitur nobilis vir, dominus Ranulphus de Nevill', super quibusdam criminibus et excessibus coram nobis nuper extiterit confessus, judicialiter et convictus, ac pœnitentiam sibi canonicam pro eisdem reservaverimus infligendam, cupientes ut animæ suæ
f. 105. saluti prospiciatur efficaciter, ac celeris medelæ suscipiat adjumentum, vobis, in virtute obedientiæ, firmiter injungendo mandamus, quatenus dictum dominum Ranulphum citetis peremptorie, publice testato, tam in ecclesia parochiali de Stayndrop', quam in manerio suo de Raby, ne citationis hujusmodi nostræ edictum ipsum

An. Episc. 3. verisimiliter latere possit, quod compareat, coram nobis aut commissariis nostris, uno vel pluribus, sufficienter et legitime [instructis] in Galilea Dunolmi, die Sabbati post festum Omnium Sanctorum, pro dictis criminibus et excessibus pœnitentiam, nobis, ut præmittitur, reservatam, devote ac humiliter suscepturus, facturusque ulterius, et recepturus, quod justitia suadebit. Et ad probationem hujus mandati nostri plenarie adimpleti, nobis, vel commissariis nostris prædictis, ad dictos diem et locum præsentes, sigillis vestris pendentibus signatas, fideliter remittatis. Datum apud Evenwod', xiij°. die Octobris, anno Domini millesimo ccc°. tertio decimo, et pontificatus nostri tertio. A.D. 1313.

Indulgentia. Universis sanctæ matris ecclesiæ filiis, etc., Ricardus, etc., salutem. Cum ad incrementum gaudii turbæ cedat angelicæ, ac vita fungentibus exultationis cumulum afferat, quotiens per devotas orationes fidelium procuratur instantius suffragium resolutis, nos, de summæ Trinitatis ineffabili misericordia, gloriosæ Virginis Mariæ, Apostolorum Petri et Pauli, necnon almi patroni nostri, Cuthberti, meritis et precibus specialiter confidentes, omnibus et singulis parochianis nostris, et aliis, quorum diœcesani hanc nostram indulgentiam ratam habere voluerint, et acceptam, qui pro anima dominæ Aliciæ de Egliston', cujus corpus in cœmeterio ecclesiæ Sancti Aydani de Bamburgh', inter aliorum fidelium corpora requiescit, orationem Dominicam, cum Salutatione Angelica, devote dixerint, et intente, xl. dies de injuncta sibi pœnitentia, pro peccatis suis, vere confessis et contritis misericorditer relaxamus. In cujus rei, etc. Datum apud Middelham, xvij°. die Octobris, pontificatus nostri anno tertio. Indulgence of 40 days to those who pray for the soul of Alice de Egliston, who is buried in the cemetery of St. Aydan at Bamburgh.

Memorandum.— Quod xix°. die Octobris, anno Domini M.ccc°.xiij°., remisit dominus Isabellæ, quæ fuit uxor Gilberti de Lumley, xl.*s.*, in quibus dicto Remission of 40*s.* to Isabella, widow of Gilbert de Lumley, in

A.D. 1313. which she was bound to the bishop for her maritage. domino tenebatur pro maritagio suo, et ad id misit literas suos vicecomiti suo, ne pro illis distringeret quoquomodo. An. Episc. 3.

Commission to enquire concerning the ordinance of the vicarage of Staunfordham.

Commissio ad inquirendum de ordinatione vicariæ de Staunfordham.

Ricardus, permissione divina, Dunolmensis episcopus, dilecto filio, officiali nostro, salutem. Ordinationem vicariæ de Staunfordham, si qua facta fuerit, plenius ex certis causis scire volentes, vobis, de cujus solita discretionis industria fiduciam obtinemus, ad inquirendum diligenter, modis quibus melius fieri poterit, super dicta ordinatione, et ejus continentia, vocatis vocandis, vices nostras committimus, cum coercionis canonicæ potestate; nos super compertis in hac parte, per vestras patentes literas, una cum tenore ordinationis antedictæ, reddituris illico certiores. Valete. Datum apud Middelham, xij°. kal. Novembris, anno Domini M°.ccc°.xiij°. et pontificatus nostri tertio.

Letters dimissory for John of Durham, an acolyte, recognizing his ordination.

Literæ dimissoriæ.

Ricardus, permissione divina, Dunolmensis episcopus, dilecto filio, Johanni de Dunelmo, acolyto, salutem, gratiam et benedictionem. Devotionis tuæ supplicationibus, potissime quod in partibus remotis, agas, et a diutinis egisti temporibus, volentes affectu paterno favorabiliter inclinare, a quocunque episcopo catholico, gratiam et communionem sedis apostolicæ obtinente, tibi omnes sacros ordines suscipiendi, et eidem conferendi, dummodo sufficientem titulum exhibeas, et aliud canonicum non obsistat, liberam, tenore præsentium, concedimus facultatem. In cujus rei testimonium, has literas nostras tibi fieri fecimus patentes, sigilli nostri munimine roboratas. Datum apud Myddelham, xij°. kal. Novembris, anno Domini, M°.ccc°. tertio decimo, et pontificatus nostri tertio.

Appointment of commissioners to audit the accounts of

Commissio ad generalem compotum audiendum.

Ricardus, permissione divina, etc., dilectis filiis, dominis Hugoni de Monte Alto, magistro Hospitalis de Kypier, Roberto de Brompton', et Galfrido de Edenham, salu-

An. Episc. 3. tem, cum benedictione, et gratia Crucifixi. De vestræ providæ circumspectionis industria, ac utili vigilantia, fiduciam gerentes in Domino pleniorem, vobis, aut duobus vestrum, assumptis vobiscum quorum diligentiam ad id videritis opportunam, ad audiendum compotum et rationes quorumcunque ministrorum nostrorum, qui, ratione officii sibi commissi, nobis qualitercunque tenentur compotum solvere et reddere rationem, necnon et ad recipiendum debitam nobis pecuniam de ministris eisdem, [et ad faciendum] allocationes et quietantias, ubi et quando, et quibus faciendas videritis, tenore præsentium, damus plenariam potestatem. In cujus rei testimonium, has literas nostras vobis fieri fecimus patentes, sigilli nostri munimine roboratas. Datum apud Middelham, xxj°. die Octobris, anno Domini M°.ccc°. tertio decimo, et pontificatus nostri tertio. AD. 1313. all the bishop's officials.

Pro deliberatione capti in carcere ad requisitionem partis.

Venerabili in Christo patri, et domino reverendo, domino Ricardo, Dei gratia, Dunolmensi episcopo, suus devotus filius, . . prior ecclesiæ suæ Dunolmensis, salutem, [et] obedientiam, cum reverentia et honore debitis tanto patri. Pater, quia Thomas de Herpeswell' clericus, ratione xix. marcarum, in quibus, per . . . officialem domini Dunolmensis episcopi, nobis, sententia præcepti, diu est extiterat condemnatus, propter offensas multiplices, versus nos in præmissis et aliis causis contractas, excommunicatus, captus, incarceratus, et in carcere diutius detentus, jam ad gremium ecclesiæ rediens nobis in omnibus ad plenum satisfecit, vestram paternitatem reverendam duximus implorandam, quatenus pro ejus absolutione, et a carcere liberatione, scribere dignemini, et in præmissis facere quod est justum. Conservet vos, ad regimen ecclesiæ suæ sanctæ, et populi sui, Deus per tempora feliciter successiva. In cujus rei testimonium, sigillum nostrum præsentibus est appensum. Datum, etc. f. 105 b. Request of the prior of Durham to deliver Thomas de Herpeswell from the prison where he is lodged by sentence of the bishop's official, he having satisfied the said prior for his debt.

A.D. 1313. Special relaxation of the sequestration on the chantry in the parish church of Esington.

Specialis relaxatio sequestri.

Ricardus, permissione divina, Dunolmensis episcopus, sequestratori nostro, vel ad custodiam sequestri in bonis cantariæ Beatæ Mariæ Virginis, ad altare Beati Thomæ Martyris, in ecclesia parochiali de Esington', interpositi, per eum deputato, salutem, gratiam et benedictionem. Quia dominus Thomas de Haughthorn' capellanus, ad dictam cantariam, per nobilem virum, dominum Ricardum Marmaduk', militem, præsentatus nuper in nostra præsentia constitutus, asseruit expresse se nolle prosequi, ex præsentatione sibi facta, jus, si quod sibi competit, ad eandem, sequestrum hujusmodi duximus relaxandum. Quocirca, vobis mandamus, quatenus capellanum, cui per dilectum filium, dominum archidiaconum Dunelmensem, facta est prædictæ collatio cantariæ, dicto relaxato sequestro, bonis ad eam pertinentibus gaudere libere permittatis. Datum apud Middelham, xxvj°. die Octobris, pontificatus nostri anno tertio. An. Episc. 3.

Mandate to the chancellor of Durham for the caption of John de Alwent, under sentence of excommunication.

Litera missa pro captione Johannis de Alwent.

Ricardus, permissione, etc., Roberto de Brompton', cancellario nostro Dunolmensi, salutem, gratiam et benedictionem. Quia Johannem de Alwent', parochianum nostrum, suis contumaciis et offensis exigentibus, auctoritate nostra ordinaria, majoris excommunicationis sententia duximus innodandum, qui, in contemptum clavium ecclesiæ, jam per quadraginta dies, et amplius, ipsam sustinuit, et adhuc sustinet, animo nequiter indurato; vobis mandamus, quatenus, ad reprimendam ipsius insolentiam, pro ejusdem captione, vicecomiti nostro Dunolmensi in forma non differatis scribere consueta; ut quem timor Dei a malo non revocat, temporalis severitas coerceat et compescat. Datum apud Middelham, xxvij°. die Octobris, anno Domini M°.ccc°.xiij°., et pontificatus nostri tertio.

Permission to Robert, called "Layker" of Nesham, to

Memorandum.—

Quod xxvij°. die Octobris, anno Domini millesimo ccc°. tertio decimo, concessæ fuerunt literæ dimissoriæ Roberto, dicto "Layker"

An. Episc. 3. de Nesham, quod posset suscipere omnes superiores ordines, a quocunque episcopo, etc., cum illa adjectione, "Quod titulum sufficientem exhibeat." A.D. 1313. receive superior orders from any bishop.

Licentia specialis ad non residendum.

Ricardus, permissione divina, Dunelmensis episcopus, dilecto filio, domino Jacobo de Ispania, rectori ecclesiæ de Routhbir', nostræ diœcesis, salutem, gratiam et benedictionem. Attendentes quod circa domini nostri regis Angliæ illustris, ac regni, negotia frequenter, tam remotis partibus, quam propinquis, hactenus fuisti multipliciter occupatus, et adhuc, circa eadem, tua obsequiosa industria opportuna et efficax reputatur; ac nihilominus, in illis partibus, ubi dicta ecclesia situatur, propter subitas et hostiles invasiones Scottorum, quæ, ex causis præcedentibus, sunt verisimiliter formidandæ, ut, a die emissionis præsentium usque in biennium plenarie revolutum, dicti domini regis obsequiis intendere, vel alibi moram facere, prout tuæ congruerit voluntati, et interim ad residendum in ecclesia tua prædicta minime tenearis, dummodo eidem, durante dicto tempore, deserviatur laudabiliter in divinis, et animarum cura nullatenus negligatur in ipsa, tibi, tenore præsentium, gratiosam licentiam indulgemus, præsentes literas, nostro sigillo munitas, tibi fieri facientes, in testimonium præmissorum. Datum apud Middelham, xxix°. die Octobris, anno Domini M°.ccc°. tertio decimo, et pontificatus nostri tertio. Grant of licence of non-residence on his rectory of Routhbire to James de Espagne, for two years, in order that he may attend upon the king.

Commissio generalis domino episcopo Candidæ Casæ.

Venerabili in Christo patri, domino Thomæ, Dei gratia, Candidæ Casæ episcopo, Ricardus, ejusdem permissione, episcopus Dunelmensis, salutem, cum fraternæ caritatis continuo incremento. Cum, propter diversas occupationes et assiduas curas, quæ, nostris humeris ad præsens incumbunt, multipliciter distracti, ad exequendum et faciendum infrascripta intendere commode neque- General commission to Thomas, bishop of Whithern, to confer orders, both great and lesser, in the diocese of Durham.

A.D. 1313. amus, vobis, de cujus circumspecta maturitate fida, et experta discretione, geremus, in Domino, fiduciam pleniorem, ad dedicandum ecclesias et altaria, ecclesias et cœmeteria reconciliandum, pueros confirmandum, omnes ordines, tam majores, quam minores, quibuscunque personis, per nostros ministros legitime admissis, statutis in juris temporibus, conferendum, literas testimoniales super susceptis ordinibus concedendum, subditorum nostrorum confessiones audiendum, ac eisdem, pro culpæ qualitate et modo, etiam in casibus nobis a canone reservatis pœnitentiam salubriter injungendam vices nostras committimus, quousque eas ad nos duxerimus revocandas; dedicationes ecclesiarum et altarium, ecclesiarum et cœmeteriorum reconciliationes, puerorum confirmationes, ordinum quorumcunque, debitis temporibus, collationes, per vos in dicœcesi nostra, auctoritate nostra, a tempore consecrationis nostræ prius factas, tenore præsentium ratificantes pariter et acceptantes. In cujus rei testimonium, sigillum nostrum præsentibus est appensum. Datum apud Middelham, secundo die Novembris, anno Domini, M°.ccc°. tertio decimo, et pontificatus nostri tertio.

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f. 106.

Receipt by the bishop for 60*l.* of the tenth imposed by pope Clement V. as a subsidy for the Holy Land.

Acquietancia sexaginta librarum de decima sexenniali.

Christi fidelibus pateat per præsentes, quod nos, Ricardus, permissione divina, Dunelmensis episcopus, decimæ sexennialis, per dominum Clementem, divina providentia, papam, Quintum, in subsidium Terræ Sanctæ, impositæ, in nostra civitate et dicœcesi collectores, recepimus a dilectis filiis, dominis priore et conventu Dunelmensibus, ad collectionem ejusdem per nos assumptis, per manus dominorum Willelmi de Couton' et Johannis de Seton', sexaginta libras sterlingorum, in partem solutionis decimæ prædictæ, de primo termino primi anni impositionis ejusdem; quam quidem pecuniam fatemur nos ab eis recepisse, et habere in deposito, ipsos de eadem quietos, tenore præsentium, facientes. In cujus rei testi-

An. Episc. 3. monium, sigillum nostrum præsentibus duximus appo- A.D. 1313.
nendum. Datum apud Wolsingham, sexto die Novembris, anno Domini millesimo trecentesino tertio decimo, et pontificatus nostri tertio.

Testimonium inspectionis potestatis Willelmi de Balaeto, super procurationibus suis.

Noverint universi, quod nos . . . officialis curiæ Cantuariensis, sede vacante, vidimus, legimus et tenuimus, quasdam patentes literas sanctissimi patris et domini, domini Clementis, divina providentia, papæ, Quinti, vera bulla plumbea ipsius domini papæ, cum filo cannabis impendente, bullatas, tenoris et continentiæ subsequentis:—Clemens, episcopus, servus servorum Dei, venerabilibus fratribus . . . archiepiscopis et episcopis, ac dilectis filiis, electis, abbatibus, prioribus, præpositis, archidiaconis, archipresbyteris, plebanis, et aliis ecclesiarum prælatis, et eorum vices gerentibus, ac ecclesiasticis personis, religiosis et sæcularibus, ecclesiarum, [et] monasteriorum, capitulis et conventibus, exemptis et non exemptis, Cisterciensis, Cluniacensis, Carthusiensis, Premonstratensis, Sancti Benedicti et Sancti Augustini, et aliorum, ordinum; necnon magistris [et] præceptoribus Hospitalis Sancti Johannis Jerosolymitani, et beatæ Mariæ Theotonicorum et Calatravensis domorum, per partes Angliæ, Walliæ, Scotiæ et Hiberniæ, constitutis, ad quos literæ istæ pervenerint, salutem, et apostolicam benedictionem. Cum nos dilectum filium magistrum Guillelmum de Balaeto, archidiaconum Forojuliensem, capellanum nostrum, latorem præsentium, quem nuncium nostrum, et apostolicæ sedis, in partibus Angliæ, Walliæ, Scotiæ et Hiberniæ, pro quibusdam ecclesiæ Romanæ negotiis duximus deputandum, ad partes ipsas, pro eisdem negotiis, destinemus, universitatem vestram, monemus, rogamus et hortamur attente, per apostolica vobis scripta, mandantes, quatenus eundem capellanum, cum per partes vestras transitum fecerit, ob reverentiam apostolicæ sedis, et nostram, benigne recipientes, et

Recital of a bull of pope Clement V. recommending and giving power to William de Balaeto, his nuncio in England, Ireland, Scotland, and Wales.

A.D. 1313. honeste tractantes, sibi de securo conductu, ac, pro suis et familiæ suæ negotiis, in septem solidis sterlingorum, singulis diebus, dum in partibus illis fuerit, cum super hiis, ex parte nostra, per ipsum, vel ejus nuncium, fueritis requisiti, liberaliter providere curetis. Et si dictum capellanum in aliquibus locis, vel loco, moram trahere contigerit, volumus quod, non solum earundem, sed etiam vicinarum partium, sicut idem capellanus, pro hujusmodi oneribus dividendis et facilius supportandis, expedire viderit, archiepiscopi, episcopi, electi, abbates, priores, decani, præpositi, archidiaconi, archipresbyteri, plebani, et alii ecclesiarum prælati, eorumque vices gerentes, ac personæ ecclesiasticæ, religiosæ et sæculares, ecclesiarum et monasteriorum, capitula et conventus, exempti et non exempti, Cisterciensis, Cluniacensis, Carthusiensis, Premonstratensis, Sancti Benedicti et Sancti Augustini, et aliorum, ordinum, necnon magistri et præceptores Hospitalis Sancti Johannis Jersolymitani, Sanctæ Mariæ Theotonicorum, et quorumcunque aliorum locorum ecclesiasticorum contribuere, in subventionibus hujusmodi teneantur. Sic itaque mandatum nostrum efficaciter adimplere curetis, quod possitis exinde merito commendari; alioquin sententiam, quam ipse rite tulerit in rebelles, ad quod sibi concedimus, auctoritate præsentium, plenariam potestatem, ratam habebimus, et faciemus, auctore Domino, usque ad satisfactionem condignam, appellatione remota, inviolabiliter observari: non obstantibus, si aliquibus est ab eadem sede indultum, quod nunciis sedis ipsius aliquam procurationem exhibere, vel in ipsam contribuere, nisi ad eos declinaverint, minime teneantur, seu quod interdici, suspendi, vel excommunicari, non possint, per literas apostolicas, non facientes plenam et expressam de indulto hujusmodi mentionem, aut quibuslibet privilegiis vel indulgentiis apostolicis, quibuscunque personis locis, vel ordinibus, sub quavis forma verborum, ab eadem sede concessis, de quibus, quorumque totis tenoribus, in nostris An. Episc. 8.

An. Episc. 8. literis mentio sit habenda, et per quæ præsens mandatum nostrum posset quomodolibet impediri. Datum Avinioni, viij. id Martii, pontificatus nostri anno octavo. In cujus visionis et inspectionis testimonium, sigillum curiæ nostræ præsentibus duximus apponendam. Actum et datum London', vj°. die mensis Julii, anno Domini millesimo ccc°. tertio decimo. A.D. 1315.

Quod fiat monitio pro procuratione W. de Balaeto, pro primo anno moræ suæ.

f. 106 b. Monition for the procuration of William de Balaeto.

Willelmus de Balaeto,[1] archidiaconus Forojuliensis, domini papæ capellanus, et ejusdem in Anglia nuncius, discreto viro, domini episcopi Dunolmensis . . officiali, vel ejus locum tenenti, salutem in Domino. Literas apostolicas super provisione expensarum nostrarum, nobis ab apostolica sede concessas, nos recepisse et habere noveritis, quarum transcriptum, sigillatum sigillo officialitatis de Arcubus, vobis præcipimus exhiberi, et incontinenti per vos restitui portitori earum, retenta, si volueritis, copia dictarum literarum, quam vobis mittimus, sub nostri appensione sigilli; originales literas penes nos, propter viarum discrimina, retinendo; de quibus, cuicunque cujus intersit, paratos nos offerimus London', in domo decani, quam inhabitamus, facere promptam fidem. Cum itaque, pro negotiis nobis ab apostolica sede commissis, nos oporteat in provincia Cantuariensi, et præcipue in civitate London', immorari, et jam pluribus diebus ac mensibus fuerimus immorati, ad præsens decrevimus procurationes nostras recipere ordinatas, juxta traditam in dictis literis apostolicis nobis formam. Quocirca discretionem vestram requirimus et rogamus, sub obedientia qua sedi apostolicæ tenemini, vobis nihilominus injungentes, quatenus canonice et peremptorie moneatis, vel moneri faciatis, omnes personas ecclesiasticas, religiosas et sæculares, exemptas et non exemptas, ac capitula, seu collegia, et

[1] " Offic' Dunolm' " is written over this name.

A.D. 1313. conventus, civitatis et diœcesis Dunelmensis, quæ pro- An. Episc. 3.
curationes nunciorum sedis apostolicæ hactenus solvere consueverunt, ut procurationes septem solidorum sterlingorum, auctoritate dictarum literarum apostolicarum, diebus singulis nobis debitas et concessas, sub eo modo et forma, sub quibus procurationes consimiles solvere consueverunt nunciis sedis apostolicæ, vel solvere debuerunt, temporibus retroactis, infra instans festum Natalis Domini, nobis London', in domo quam inhabitamus ibidem, pro primo anno moræ nostræ quam habemus facere in partibus istis, sine dilatione persolvant. Alioquin personas ipsas per vos canonice monitas, monitioni hujusmodi non parentes, quas nos ex nunc ut ex tunc in hiis scriptis excommunicamus, necnon capitula seu collegia, ac conventus, et eorum ecclesias, ecclesiastico, in hiis scriptis, supponimus interdicto; excommunicatos et interdictos, seu interdicta, in ecclesia Dunelmensi et ecclesiis ac locis aliis, de quibus expedire videritis, tamdiu publice denuncietis, seu denunciari faciatis, donec nobis satisfecerint de præmissis, et a dictis sententiis absolutionis et relaxationis beneficium meruerint obtinere. Dictas vero literas apostolicas, necnon præsentes nostras literas, et monitionem vobis, in hac parte, commissam, in ecclesia Dunelmensi, et in aliis locis solemnibus civitatis et diœcesis Dunelmensium, prout vobis videbitur, publice et solemniter, per vos vel alios, faciatis publicari, ne quis probabiliter valeat ignorantiam prætendere in hac parte. De hiis autem, quæ feceritis in præmissis, et de nominibus monitorum, per literas vestras patentes, harum seriem continentes infra dictum festum, nos London' certificare curetis; taliter nostris monitionibus et mandatis, vel verius apostolicis, in hac parte parentes, quod non detur nobis materia, contra vos ad pœnas aliquas canonicas procedendi, scituri, quod super præsentatione præsentium literarum fidem dabimus nuncio nostro jurato, latori earum. Datum London',

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Citatio domini Ranulphi de Nevill'. Citation of Sir Ralph de Nevill for incest and adultery with Anastasia his daughter, the wife of Sir Walter de Fauconberg.

Ricardus, permissione divina, Dunelmensis episcopus, dilectis filiis, magistris Ricardo de Hoton', perpetuo vicario ecclesiæ de Akeley, et Thomæ de Epplingden', clerico, salutem, gratiam et benedictionem. Quia dominum Ranulphum de Nevill' militem, citatum nuper legitime coram nobis, certis die et loco, pro incestus et adulterii crimine, cum domina Anastasia, filia sua, et uxore domini Walteri de Fauconberg', commisso, de quo coram nobis judicialiter convictus extitit, indictam sibi super hoc purgationem non præstando, et [pro] aliis articulis ipsum contingentibus condignam pœnitentiam suscepturum, et nullo modo comparentem, (quanquam contra eum ad graviora procedere potuissemus, justitia suadente), pronunciavimus contumacem, pœnam sibi infligendam nobis reservantes; vobis, in virtute obedientiæ, firmiter injungimus, et mandamus, quatenus dictum dominum Ranulphum citetis peremptorie, et testato, quod sufficienter et legitime compareat coram nobis, vel commissariis nostris, uno vel pluribus, in ecclesia parochiali de Aukland', die Lunæ proxima post festum Sancti Andreæ apostoli, tam pro dicta sua contumacia, quam pro crimine supradicto incestus et adulterii, ac pro aliis suis demeritis, pœnitentiam canonicam suscepturus, et salubrem, facturus ulterius, et recepturus, quod juris fuerit, et consonum rationi. Et ad probationem hujus mandati efficaciter executi, præsentes, ad dictos diem et locum, sigillis vestris pendentibus signatas, nobis, vel dictis nostris commissariis remittatis. Datum apud Wolsingham, ix°. die Novembris, anno Domini etc. [M°.ccc°.] xiij°., et pontificatus nostri tertio.

Literæ dimissoriæ. Letters dimissory in favour of Robert de Northcarleton.

Ricardus, permissione divina, Dunelmensis episcopus, dilecto filio, Roberto de Northcarleton', clerico, nostræ diœcesis, salutem, gratiam et

A.D. 1313. benedictionem. Devotionis tuæ precibus inclinati, ut a quocunque episcopo Catholico, sedis apostolicæ gratiam obtinente, et tibi sacras manus imponere volente, ad omnes ordines quos nondum recepisti licite valeas promoveri, eo non obstante, quod de nostra diœcesi oriundus existas; dum tamen sufficientem titulum exhibeas, et aliud canonicum non obsistat, eidem hujusmodi ordines conferendi, et tibi suscipiendi, gratiosam et liberam tenore præsentium concedimus facultatem. In cujus rei testimonium, sigillum nostrum præsentibus est appensum. Datum apud Wolsingham. ix°. die Novembris, anno Domini etc. [M°.CCC^mo°.] xiij°., et pontificatus nostri tertio. An. Episc. 3.

f. 107. Mandate relative to the purgation of Adam de Cokefeld, who is imprisoned for robbery.

Certificatorium super purgatione Adæ de Cokefeld.

Venerabili in Christo patri, et domino suo reverendo, domino, Ricardo, Dei gratia, Dunolmensi episcopo, sui humiles et devoti filii, officialis suus Dunolmensis, et Adam de Morpath' clericus, filialem subjectionem, cum debitis obedientia, reverentia pariter et honore. Mandatum vestrum reverenter, ut decuit, nuper recepimus, in hæc verba.—Ricardus, permissione divina, Dunolmensis episcopus, dilectis filiis . . officiali nostro Dunolmensi et magistro Adæ de Morpath' clerico, salutem, gratiam et benedictionem. Cum Adam de Cokefeld' clericus, nostræ diœcesis, occasione criminis furti sibi impositi, jamdiu est nostræ carcerali custodiæ mancipatus, et adhuc detentus in eadem, offerat se paratum de hujusmodi crimine, sibi imposito, canonice se purgare; nos, volentes, quatenus de jure possumus, eidem misericordiæ januam aperire, vobis ad inquirendum de vita et conversatione ejusdem, in locis ubi traxit originem, ac diutius fuit conversatus, necnon et ubi dictum crimen dicitur commisisse, et, in eventu, ad admittendum ipsius purgationem, in forma juris, cum viris fidedignis, et non suspectis, de hujusmodi crimine sibi imposito, nisi obsistat aliquod canonicum, (facta prius proclamatione, ac

An. Episc. 3. solemni citatione, in genere, in ecclesia nostra Dunol- A.D. 1313
mensi, et aliis ecclesiis et locis, ubi expedire videritis, quod omnes et singuli, qui contra purgationem suam aliquid voluerint opponere, compareant coram vobis, die et loco quos ad id duxeritis statuendos, quare dictus Adam ad hujusmodi purgationem faciendum admitti non debeat, causas legitimas præcise et peremptorie proposituri, et alias facturi et recepturi quod justum fuerit in hoc casu), vobis nostras vices committimus, cum coercionis canonicæ potestate. Valete. Datum apud Evenwod', xv°. die Octobris anno Domini etc. [M°.ccc^mo.] xiij°., et pontificatus nostri tertio.—Cujus igitur auctoritate mandati, factis primitus per nos in ecclesia vestra Cathedrali Dunolmensi, ac subsequenter per decanos Dunelmi et Derlington', et capellanos parochiales, in singulis ecclesiis ipsorum decanatuum, publicis et solemnibus proclamatione et citatione, in genere, ac inquisitione diligenti de vita et conversatione ejusdem Adæ, juxta formam mandati vestri, nulloque sinistro comperto, nec aliquo contradictore purgationi suæ faciendæ opponere se volente, prout per certificatoria decanorum prædictorum veraciter accepimus, citari fecimus omnes et singulos, si qui fuerint, qui dictæ purgationi opponere voluissent, ad diem Lunæ proximum post festum Omnium Sanctorum, in Galilea Dunolmi ad id faciendum, si sibi viderint expedire. Ad quos diem et locum, quia nullus apparuit contradictor aut suppositor in hac parte, licet, in pleno consistorio inibi celebrato, ad valvas majoris ecclesiæ Dunolmi, super hoc fuisset pluries proclamatum ac solemniter et publice per intervalla sæpius præconizatum, et diutius expectatum, demum nos, in dicto negotio procedentes, ipsius purgationem, cum quartadecima manu sacerdotum, et tertia manu clericorum, admisimus, et ipsum bonæ famæ suæ, quatenus in nobis fuit, restituimus, ut decebat. Nomina vero purgatorum suorum sunt hæc: — videlicet, domini Hugo capellanus parochialis de Cokefeld',

A.D. 1313. Johannes capellanus parochialis de Conysclive, Hugo de Castro Bernardi, Willelmus de Jar', Rogerus de Pollowe, Gilbertus de Quicham, Johannes Ingreham, Robertus de Cotum, Thomas de Pontefracto, Johannes de Aton', Johannes de Esshe, Gilbertus de Bronchard, Robertus de Kendale, et Adam de Cletlame, capellani, Ricardus de Egliston', Henricus de Middelton', Adam de Raby; qui omnes et singuli, jurati, ipsum immunem ab hujusmodi crimine reddiderunt, tanquam illi qui vicini sui propinquiores fuerant, et ejus vitam et conversationem melius noverant, ut dicebant. Conservet vos ad regimen ecclesiæ et populi sui, Deus per tempora longa feliciter et prospere successiva. Datum apud Dunolmum, viij. id. Novembris, anno Domini millesimo ccc°. tertio decimo. An. Episc. 3.

Commission to proceed in the matter of the adultery and incest of Isabella, wife of Nicholas Surteys, with Thomas son of Thomas de Fysshe-burne, brother of the said Isabella.

Commissio ad cognoscendum super adulterio commisso Thomæ de Fysshe-burne.

Ricardus, etc., dilecto filio . . officiali nostro, salutem, gratiam et benedictionem. Ad cognoscendum et procedendum in negotio, quod contra Isabellam, uxorem Nicholai Surteys, ex officio vertitur, seu verti speratur, super eo quod adulterii crimen ac incestus cum Thoma, filio Thomæ de Fisheburn', fratre ipsius Isabellæ, prout ad nos pervenit ex fama publica, dicitur commisisse, vobis vices nostras committimus, cum coercionis canonicæ potestate, donec easdem duxerimus revocandas. Valete. Datum apud Wolsingham, anno Domini, M°.ccc°. tertio decimo, et pontificatus nostri tertio.

f. 107 b. Certificate relative to the state of the vicarage of Corbrig.

Certificatio super statu vicarii de Corbrig'.

Reverendo patri in Christo, ac domino suo, domino Ricardo, Dei gratia, Dunolmensi episcopo, suus, si placet, humilis et votivus, . . officialis domini archidiaconi Northumbriæ, salutem, et tam devotam quam debitam in omnibus reverentiam, et obedientiam, cum honore. Mandatum vestrum, ea qua decuit reverentia, nuper recepi tenorem continens infrascriptum.—Ricardus, permissione divina,

An. Episc. 3. Dunolmensis episcopus, dilecto filio, archidiaconi North- A.D. 1313.
umbriæ . . . officiali, salutem, gratiam et benedictionem. Graves in corde sentimus puncturas, et amara commotione animi nimirum turbamur, cum desidia vel impotentia subditorum facientibus animarum cura negligitur, pro quibus in extremo examine compellemur proculdubio exactissimam reddere rationem. Cum igitur, sicut a nonnullis accepimus, dilectus filius, vicarius ecclesiæ de Corbrig', tali vexetur et affligatur ægritudine corporali, quod curam sibi commissam agere non potest, nec onera statui suo incumbentia congrue, prout convenit, subportare, propter quod, de animarum periculis, quibus totis desideriis obviare satagimus, est verisimiliter formidandum; vobis, firmiter injungendo, mandamus quatenus ad locum in quo degit, vel prope eundem, personaliter declinantes, utrum præmissa veritate subsistant, nostra functi auctoritate, diligentius inquiratis, et nobis quid inde inveneritis, per literas vestras patentes, quæ harum seriem contineant, infra octo dies a tempore receptionis præsentium, constare faciatis dilucide et aperte. Valete. Datum apud Beaurepayr, tertio die Novembris, pontificatus nostri anno tertio.—

Hujus igitur auctoritate mandati, in ecclesia parochiali de Corbrig', in capitulo, per me inibi celebrato, per infrascriptos diligentem feci inquisitionem; videlicet, per vicarios ecclesiarum de Staunfordham, Wardon', Chollirton', Kirkherle, ac de Ovyngham, Slaveley, Hautwysell', Bywell Petri et Andreæ, Kirkehalgh', Knaresdale, et de Ellesden, ecclesiarum capellanos parochiales; qui dicunt quod dictus vicarius ecclesiæ de Corbrig', licet in dies senectutis aliqualiter processerit, satis est potens et sufficiens quatenus talis ætas permittit, ad gerendum curam sibi in hac parte commissam, et supportandum onera statui suo incumbentia competenter. In cujus rei testimonium, præsentem inquisitionem vestræ reverendæ paternitati transmitto, sigillo quo publice utor in officio consignatam. Valete. Datum apud Cor-

A.D. 1313. brig', v^to. id. Novembris, anno Domini millesimo ccc^o. An. Episc. 3. tertiodecimo.

Memorandum as to the delivery of 60*s.* by John de Pollowe for certain necessaries.

Memorandum.— Quod vj. die mensis Novembris, anno etc. [M^o.ccc^mo.] xiij^o. emanarunt quædam literæ Johanni de Pollowe, sequestratori, ad liberandum domino Henrico rectori ecclesiæ Beatæ Mariæ in Ballio Australi Dunelmi, sexaginta solidos pro quibusdam necessariis.

Acquittance by the bishop to John de Pollowe for 40 marks sterling received by him out of the spiritualities.

Acquietancia Johanni de Poll'. Pateat universis per præsentes, quod nos, Ricardus, permissione divina, Dunolmensis episcopus, recepimus de Johanne de Pollowe clerico nostro, sequestratore generali, quadraginta marcas sterlingorum, de exitibus nostræ spiritualitatis, per ipsum Johannem collectas. Datum apud Middelham, in festo Apostolorum Petri et Pauli, anno Domini millesimo trecentesimo tertiodecimo, et pontificatus nostri tertio.

Another acquittance to John de Pollowe for 40 marks arising out of the spiritualities.

[A]lia acquietancia ejusdem Johannis. Pateat universis, per præsentes, quod nos, Ricardus, permissione divina, Dunolmensis episcopus, recepimus de Johanne de Pollowe, clerico nostro, sequestratore generali, sexaginta marcas sterlingorum, de exitibus nostræ spiritualitatis, per ipsum collectas. In cujus rei testimonium, sigillum nostrum præsentibus est appensum. Datum apud Walsingham, in crastino Sancti Martini in Hieme, anno Domini millesimo ccc^o. tertiodecimo, et pontificatus nostri tertio.

General mandate for the sequestration of the profits, &c., for non-residence, and the disposal thereof for the cure of souls.

Generale mandatum ad sequestrandum fructus non residentium. Ricardus, permissione divina, Dunolmensis episcopus, dilecto filio, Johanni de Pollowe, sequestratori nostro generali, salutem, gratiam et benedictionem. Quia nonnulli nostræ diœcesis parochialium ecclesiarum rectores, potius vagare volentes quam animas Deo lucrifacere, in eccle-

An. Episc. 3. siis suis personaliter non resident, ut ab ovibus lupos arceant et compescant, per quod animarum cura negligitur, ecclesiæ debitis defraudantur obsequiis, et in populo, quod anxie ferimus, tumultus et scandalum suscitantur; volumus, et intimis affectamus desideriis, prout, ex nostro servitutis ministerio, astringimur, animarum saluti, divini cultus ampliationi, et gregis Dominici quietudini, paterna solicitudine prout nobis ex alto permittitur, salubriter providere. Vobis, de cujus experta confidimus industria, committimus et mandamus, quatenus fructus, redditus et proventus omnium et singulorum beneficiorum ecclesiasticorum, curam animarum habentium annexam, nostræ civitatis et diœcesis, in quibus rectores ipsorum non resident, ut tenentur, in manus nostras debite sequestretis, et sub sequestro nostro custodiri arctius faciatis, donec vobis super hoc mandatum direxerimus speciale. Proviso quod de dictis fructibus, redditibus et proventibus, in animarum cura salutifera, et aliis quæ canonice incumbunt ipsis beneficiis, deserviatur laudabiliter et honeste. In cujus rei testimonium, has literas nostras vobis fieri, et sigillo nostro fecimus communiri. Datum apud Evenwod', iiij^to. die Octobris, anno Domini M°.CCC°. tertiodecimo, et pontificatus nostri tertio. A.D. 1313.

Memorandum.— Quod xv. die Novembris, anno Domini etc. [M°.CCC°.] xiij°., recepit dominus, per manus Johannis de Dunolmo, clerici, xviij. *li.* et ij. *sol.* de magistro Willelmo de Kellawe, receptore scaccarii sui Dunolmi, de arreragiis tempore quo fuit receptor ejusdem scaccarii. f. 108. Memorandum as to moneys received by the bishop from William de Kellawe, receiver of the exchequer of Durham.

Relaxatio sequestri ecclesiæ de Hautwysill'. Ricardus, permissione divina, Dunolmensis episcopus, dilecto filio, Johanni de Pollow, sequestratori nostro, salutem, gratiam et benedictionem. Quia religiosus vir, dominus . . abbas de Abbrebrothok', rector ecclesiæ de Hautwysill', Release of the sequestration on the church of Hautwysill

A.D. 1313. nostræ diœcesis, de debitis contingentibus dominum nostrum, regem Angliæ illustrem, occasione quorum, in dicta ecclesia nuper sequestrum mandavimus interponi, nobis plenarie satisfecit; vobis mandamus, quatenus, dictum sequestrum debite relaxantes, præfatum abbatem administratione bonorum qualitercunque sibi, ratione dictæ ecclesiæ sub sequestro alias interpositorum, spectantium, gaudere et uti libere, sine cujusvis impedimenti offendiculo, permittatis. Et si ab eadem ecclesia procurationes Cardinalium, vel alia quævis debita, propter quæ sequestrum interponitur in ipsa, forsitan exigantur, ipsum nihilominus præcipimus relaxari; volentes ut quicunque ab ipso rectore debita vendicare voluerint, vel exigere, ex quacunque causa, ipsum super illis in foro competenti legitime conveniant, et contra eum, prout juris fuerit, prosequantur. Valete. Datum apud Wolsingham, xiiij., die Novembris, pontificatus nostri anno tertio. An. Episc. 3.

Memorandum of an order to deliver two quarters of corn to Richard le Broudeour, from the manor of Queryngdon.

Memorandum.— Quod xv°. die mensis Novembris, anno Domini M°.ccc°.xiij°., quædam litera directa fuit Willelmo de Heberne, quod liberaret Ricardo le Broudeour duo quarteria frumenti, de manerio de Queryngdon'.

Memorandum of an order to Robert de Brompton, to deliver to Adam Laurence of Novington 10*l.*, being the pension of Thomas de Suthwerk.

Memorandum.— Quod xviij. die mensis Novembris, anno supradicto, quædam litera directa fuit Roberto de Brompton', receptori Dunolmensi, quod liberaret domino Adæ Laurentii, de Novington', capellano magistri Thomæ de Suthwerk', decem libras, pro pensione dicti magistri Thomæ, de termino Sancti Martini, anno Domini etc. [M°.ccc°.] xiij°.

Commission to Henry de Botheby, rector of Stanhop, for the repair of the defects of the church of Stanhop.

Commissio rectori de Stanhop', pro reparatione defectuum ecclesiæ de Stanhop'.

Ricardus, permissione divina, Dunelmensis episcopus, dilecto filio, magistro Henrico de Botheby, rectori ecclesiæ de Stanhop', salutem, gratiam et benedictionem. Ad monendum et inducendum, per vos et alium,

An. Episc. 3. omnes et singulos parochianos dictæ ecclesiæ vestræ, quod pro reparatione defectuum ipsius ecclesiæ facienda, convenientes in unum, tractent concorditer et cum effectu, ac ad reparationem hujusmodi conferant et contribuant, ut tenentur, ita ut citra Pascha proxime futurum in omnibus defectibus, sub pœna decem librarum, dicta ecclesia sit congrue reparata, necnon rebelles in hac parte canonice compellendum, vobis vices nostras committimus, cum coercionis canonicæ potestate. Datum apud Wolsingham, xiij. kal. Decembris, anno Domini M°.ccc°. tertiodecimo, et pontificatus nostri tertio. A.D. 1313.

Memorandum.— Quod xx°. die Novembris, anno Domini M°.ccc°.xiij°. concessit dominus xl. dies veniæ pro animabus Hugonis de Tesdale et Evæ, uxoris suæ, ac liberorum suorum, quorum corpora in cœmeterio Beatæ Mariæ, de Midelton' in Tesdale, requiescunt humata, et pro animabus etc. Indulgence for 40 days for the souls of Hugh de Tesdale, Eva his wife, and their children.

Memorandum.— Quod xxj°. die Novembris, anno Domini millesimo ccc°. tertiodecimo, directa fuit quædam litera domino Hugoni de Monte Alto et domino Roberto de Brompton', ad liberandum Anabillæ de Tyndale quadraginta et sex libras, sibi per dominum episcopum debitas. Memorandum of a letter to Hugh de Montalt and another, to deliver to Anabilla de Tyndale 46*l.* due to her from the bishop.

Commissio ad levandum . . . de . . . de singulis libris xx.*d.* a clero concessos.

Ricardus, permissione divina, Dunelmensis episcopus, discretis viris, decano Dunelmensi, ac rectori ecclesiæ Beatæ Mariæ in Ballio Boreali, salutem, gratiam et benedictionem. Ad compellendum et coercendum omnes et singulos beneficiatos decanatus Dunelmensis ad solutionem singulorum viginti denariorum de singulis libris beneficiorum suorum ecclesiasticorum, secundum taxationem decimæ nunc currentis, infra octo dies a tempore datæ præsentium numerandorum faciendam pro sua et ecclesiæ Dunelmensis defensione, juxta ipsorum com- Commission to levy 20*d.* in the pound granted by the clergy for the defence of the church of Durham.

A.D. 1313. munem consensum, et confessionem coram officiali nostro An. Episc. 3. emissam, et condemnationem ipsius, subsecutam per suspensionis et excommunicationis sententias in personas eorum, ac interdicti in eorum beneficia ecclesiastica, promulgandas, necnon per sequestrationem, venditionem et distractionem, bonorum suorum ecclesiasticorum, dictosque denarios recipiendum, et de receptis acquietancias faciendum, necnon quoscunque in hac parte excommunicatos, in forma juris, absolvendum, ac sequestrationem, occasione præmissa factam, relaxandum, vobis, conjunctim et divisim, vices nostras committimus, per præsentes. Et quid feceritis in præmissis, nobis, cum fueritis requisiti, per vestras patentes literas, harum seriem continentes, constare faciatis. Datum apud Wolsingham, xxiij°. die Novembris, anno Domini M°.ccc°. tertiodecimo, et pontificatus nostri tertio.

Memorandum of a letter to Hugh de Lokington to deliver to the prior of the church of St. Mary, York, 40*l.*, for the expenses of John de Sneynton, the bishop's agent in London.

Memorandum.— Quod xxviij°. die Novembris directa fuit quædam litera domino Hugoni de Lokington', receptori de Hoveden', ad liberandum priori ecclesiæ Beatæ Mariæ Eboraci, xl. *li.* de termino Sancti Martini, pro expensis magistri Johannis de Sneynton', tunc agentis London'.

f. 108 b. Special commission from the archbishop of York to the bishop of Durham.

Commissio specialis ab archiepiscopo Eboracensi. Willelmus, permissione divina, Eboracensis archiepiscopus, Angliæ primas, venerabili fratri, domino Ricardo, Dei gratia, episcopo Dunelmensi, salutem, et fraternæ caritatis in Domino continuum incrementum. Mandata cœlestia facilius gerimus, et efficacius adimplemus, si nostra cum fratribus nostris onera partiamur: de vestra igitur devotione sincera, quam, ad nostri alleviationem laboris, habere vos credimus, plenam fiduciam obtinentes, vobis, cum per nostram diœcesim transitum facere vos contigerit, vel in eadem ubilibet commorari, parvulos et adultos confirmandi, altaria portatilia, quæ "super-" altaria" vulgariter nuncupantur, dedicandi, calices et

An. Episc. 3. patenas consecrandi, indumenta sacerdotalia et Levitica, aliaque ornamenta ecclesiastica, benedicendi, specialem potestatem nostri, executione officii, in præmissis committimus per præsentes, usque in triennium continuum tantummodo duraturas. Quas, in testimonium præmissorum, sigilli nostri appensione, fecimus communiri. Datum apud Cawod,' xiiij°. kal. Januarii anno Gratiæ M°.ccc°. duodecimo, et pontificatus nostri septimo. A.D. 1313.

Processus habitus inter priorem et conventum Dunolmenses et archidiaconum ejusdem, coram episcopo apud Stoketon'.

In nomine Domini, Amen. Acta coram nobis, Ricardo, permissione divina, Dunelmensi episcopo, in capella manerii nostri de Stoketon', die Veneris proxima ante festum Apostolorum Simonis et Judæ, anno Domini M°.ccc°. duodecimo, indictione undecima, mensis Octobris die xxvij°., in causa, seu negotio, quæ, vel quod, vertitur, seu verti speratur, coram nobis super jurisdictione archidiaconali, et ejusdem jurisdictionis exercitio, in ecclesiis et capellis quas religiosi viri, prior et conventus Dunelmenses, obtinent infra archidiaconatum Dunelmensem, inter ipsos religosos, per fratrem Johannem de Laton', procuratorem suum literatorie constitutum, ex parte una, et venerabilem virum, dominum Thomam de Goldesburgh', archidiaconum Dunelmensem, per Thomam de Herpeswell', clericum, ipsius procuratorem literatorie similiter constitutum, ex altera, comparentes videlicet; cum constaret nobis, per certificatorium . . decani Christianitatis Dunolmensis, sigillo officii sui consignatum, coram nobis exhibitum et perlectum, ipsas partes dictos diem et locum habere legitime, coram nobis, ad procedendum, exhibendum, proponendum, ostendendum et faciendum, in causa, seu negotio prænotato, omnia quæ secundum vim, formam et effectum, ejusdem compositionis, sive condicti, inter partes prædictas, inde dudum habiti, coram nobis, ac ejusdem negotii qualitatem et naturam, faciendum fuerit, et justitia suaderet; exhibitis in

Process before the bishop of Durham at Stoketon, between the prior and convent of Durham and the archdeacon of Durham.

A.D. 1313. judicio coram nobis hinc inde procuratoriis partium prædictarum, cum instrumento quodam publico manu magistri Ricardi de Ganio, notarii publici, super ipso condicto confecto, et signo suo solito consignato, emissaque protestatione, per priorem Dunelmensem, tunc præsentem, quod non intendebat, nec voluit per suam præsentiam mandatum dicti sui procuratoris revocare, copiaque dictorum procuratoriorum tangendi, videndi, et inspiciendi, partibus hinc inde petentibus facta, quod nihil effectuale contra dicta procuratoria dicebatur, pro ipsis procuratoribus pronunciavimus, ad petitionem partium prædictarum, propositaque per procuratorem dictorum religiosorum quadam petitione in scriptis, ipsiusque copia per procuratorem dicti domini archidiaconi petita et obtenta, petitoque per procuratorem dictorum religiosorum instanter, procuratorem ipsius domini archidiaconi ad contestandum litem dictæ suæ petitionis compelli, et ulterius in ipsa causa, seu negotio, secundum vim, formam, et effectum dictæ compositionis, sive condicti, ipsiusque negotii qualitatem et naturam, procedi, et fieri in omnibus quod est justum: et procurator ipsius domini archidiaconi diem ad consulendum dominum suum, et super dicta petitione religiosorum deliberandum, sibi per nos concedi, a nobis, cum instantia, postulavit; habitaque super hoc inter partes prædictas altercatione diutina, procurator dictorum religiosorum publice protestabatur se velle et paratum esse, quatenus potuit et in se fuit, formam dicti condicti, sive compositionis, in omnibus et per omnia, observare, et etiam omnia et singula quæ pro se habuit, dum tamen, ad ipsam suam petitionem, per procuratorem dicti domini archidiaconi responsum fuerit, exhibere, et in ipso negotio procedere, et omnia facere, quæ secundum vim, formam et effectum, dicti condicti sive compositionis exhibenda fuerint, et etiam facienda; et quod per ipsum, procuratorem religiosorum, non stetit, sed per procuratorem dicti domini An. Episc. 3.

An. Episc. 3 archidiaconi, quo minus sic in eodem negotio procedatur. A.D. 1313.
Sub præmissa vero protestatione, ne aliqua negligentia eidem procuratori religiosorum aliqualiter impingi poterit, nonnulla instrumenta, literas authenticas, privilegia et munimenta, in quodam hanaperio clausa, se dicebat ibidem habere parata; quæ instrumenta, literas, privilegia et munimenta facta, prius contestatione, ad petitionem suam prædictam, per procuratorem dicti domini archidiaconi, procurator dictorum religiosorum protestabatur se velle, pro intentione dictorum dominorum suorum, et sua, fundanda, et juris declaratione aperta, et in forma debita, exhibere, et ipsis sic uti: eaque de dicto hanaperio extrahens coram nobis, clausa tamen, ostendebat, numeravit, et in dicto hanaperio reposuit, ipsumque hanaperium sigilli sui impressione sigillavit, nostroque notario subscripto tradidit conservandum, protestans se velle, ut supra, nomine dictorum dominorum suorum, et proprio, pro eorum, et sua, intentione fundanda, et juris declaratione, facta prius contestatione, ad dictam suam petitionem, per procuratorem dicti domini archidiaconi, dicta instrumenta, literas, privilegia et munimenta, aperta, et in forma debita, exhibere, et illis uti cum effectu. Quod quidem hanaperium, ad ipsius procuratoris religiosorum petitionem, impressione sigilli officialitatis nostræ Dunelmensis ex abundanti fecimus sigillari. Unde nos, de consilio jurisperitorum, dictis protestationibus, quatenus de jure poterunt et debeant, dictis religiosis reservatis, copiam procuratoriorum, condicti, sive compositionis, et certificatorii, prædictorum, ac omnium instrumentorum quibus dictæ partes ipso die coram nobis utebantur, et etiam actorum judicialium, partibus hinc inde petentibus, decrevimus et fieri præcepimus, cum effectu; præstitoque ab eodem procuratore dicti domini archidiaconi juramento, quod dictam dilationem malitiose non petebat, ad ipsius procuratoris domini archidiaconi petitionem, dicentis se posse dictum dominum suum f. 109,

A.D. 1313. infra quindecim dies consulere super petitione supra- An. Episc. 3.
dicta, præfiximus et assignavimus eidem procuratori, præfixionem et assignationem nostram hujusmodi admittenti, et etiam acceptanti, diem Veneris proximum ante instans festum Beati Martini Episcopi, ubi tunc fuerimus, in nostra dicœcesi, coram nobis, ad interim dominum suum prædictum consulendum, et super ipsa petitione religiosorum deliberandum, et litem eidem petitioni, nisi canonicum obstaret, dicto die contestandum, et utrique parti ad faciendum et recipiendum in dicta causa, seu negotio, illo die, coram nobis, secundum vim, formam, et effectum dicti condicti, sive compositionis, et etiam ipsius causæ, seu negotii, qualitatem et naturam, quod juris fuerit, et rationis. In quorum omnium evidens testimonium, cautelam, et certitudinem pleniorem, præsens instrumentum publicum, super præmissis confectum, per notarium nostrum infrascriptum scribi et publicari mandavimus, nostrique sigilli impressione, una cum signo suo solito, consignari. Actum apud Stoketon', in capella manerii nostri, anno, Indictione, mense et die, prænotatis. Præsentibus, magistro Ricardo de Eryum, officiali nostro, magistris Petro de Kellawe, Willelmo de Goseford', Willelmo de Wyrkesale, dominis Rogero de Saxton', Galfrido de Edenham et Johanne de Norton', clericis, magistris Roberto de Eryom et Ricardo de Norton', notariis publicis, cum aliis quampluribus, tam monachis et clericis, quam laicis, in multitudine copiosa. Et ego, Andreas, quondam Guilielmi de Tang' clericus, Eboracensis dicœcesis, sacrosanctæ sedis apostolica publicus, auctoritate, notarius, qui præmissis, una cum dictis notariis et testibus, interfui, coram dicto patre, eaque, sicut supra inactitantur, fieri vidi et audivi, a præfato patre rogatus, super hiis præsens feci publicum instrumentum, illudque, in publicam formam redactum et sigilli sui impressione consignatum, signo meo consueto signavi, in fidem et testimonium præmissorum. Et verbum "petitioni" in

An. Episc. 3. decima linea, et tria verba in vicesima tertia linea, negligenter omissa, videlicet, "infra xv. dies," manu propria interlineavi. A.D. 1313.

Licentia concessa magistro Ricardo de Eryom ad non residendum et adeundum Scholas.

Licence of non-residence to Richard de Eryum, for the purpose of attending the Schools.

Ricardus, permissione divina, Dunolmensis episcopus, dilecto filio, magistro Ricardo de Eryum, rectori ecclesiæ beati Nicholai in Dunolmo, subdiacono, ipsam ecclesiam, decimo sexto die Aprilis, anno Domini millesimo trecentesimo decimo tertio, primo pacifice assecuto, salutem, gratiam et benedictionem. Cum tu, dudum in jure civili studens, adeo profeceris, quod es in eo in brevi, dante Domino, incepturus, ac, ratione ætatis et vitæ florentis, aliisque ex causis, sis habilis ad studendum, nos, tuæ devotionis precibus favorabiliter inclinati, ut usque ad festum Beati Petri ad Vincula, anno Domini millesimo ccc°. decimo quinto, in susceptis ordinibus, literarum studio insistere, et fructus dictæ ecclesiæ tuæ libere percipere, valeas, quodque hujusmodi studio insistens ad ulteriores ordines promoveri, seu residentiam in eadem ecclesia tua facere minime tenearis, tecum, auctoritate Constitutionis super hoc editæ, dispensamus. Proviso quod facias in ipsa ecclesia, medio tempore, deserviri laudabiliter in divinis, et ipsius curam peragi competenter. Vale. Datum apud Wolsingham, xxviij°. die Novembris, anno Domini millesimo ccc°.xiij°., et pontificatus nostri anno tertio.

Acquietancia Adæ de Boughes, vicecomiti Dunelmensi.

Acquittance of Adam de Boughes, sheriff of Durham, as to 20 marks sterling.

Universis Christi fidelibus pateat per præsentes, quod nos, Ricardus, permissione divina, Dunolmensis episcopus, recepimus, die Dominica proxima post festum Sancti Andreæ apostoli, videlicet secundo die Decembris, a dilecto et fideli nostro, Ada de Boghes, vicecomite nostro Dunolmensi, viginti marcas sterlingorum, de exitibus officii sui, per ipsum collectas, de quibus ipsum quietum reddimus per præsentes. In cujus rei testi-

A.D. 1313. monium, sigillum nostrum privatum præsentibus duximus apponendum. Datum apud Evenwod', die prædicto, anno Domini M°.ccc°.xiij°., et pontificatus nostri tertio. An. Episc. 3.

Collation to the hospital of St. Stephen near Pellawe.

Collatio Hospitalis Sancti Stephani juxta Pellawe.

Ricardus, permissione divina, Dunelmensis episcopus, dilecto filio domino Petro dicto "de Ponte," capellano, salutem, gratiam et benedictionem. Ex familiari conversatione, morum placiditate et aliis virtutum donis, quibus te, a retroactis temporibus, prælucere novimus, excitati, Hospitale Sancti Stephani juxta Pellawe vacans, et ad nostram collationem spectans, cum omnibus et singulis qualitercunque ad illud spectantibus, tibi tuo perpetuo possidendum conferimus, intuitu caritatis. Ita tamen, quod in eodem hospitali, modo quo hactenus fieri consuevit, per te, vel per alium, divina facias celebrari, ac omnia onera, eidem incumbentia, congrue sustineas et supportes. In cujus rei testimonium, præsentes literas tibi fieri fecimus patentes, sigilli nostri appensione munitas. Datum apud Evenwod', iij°. die Decembris, anno Domini M°.ccc°. tertiodecimo, et pontificatus nostri tertio.

Licence to attend the Schools.

Memorandum. Licentia.—

Quod die iiij. mensis Decembris, anno Domini millesimo ccc°.xiij°., concessa fuit licentia magistro Ricardo de Eryum, ad insistendum studio, et non residendum usque ad festum Sancti Petri ad Vincula, et abhinc, usque ad idem festum quatuor annis revolutis, sub forma quæ superius notatur.

f. 109 b. Licence to eat meat at Advent.

Licentia ad edendum [ca]rnes in Adventu Domini.

Ricardus, permissione divina, Dunelmensis episcopus, dilecto filio, domino Willelmo de Tanefeld' quondam priori Dunelmensi, salutem, gratiam et benedictionem. Declinans in senectam et senium, tanta infirmitate deprimeris corporali, quod statutum de non edendo carnes, in Adventu Domini, sine grandi periculo corporis,

An. Episc. 3. non poteris observare. Quocirca, cum necessitas legi non subjaceat, paterno cupientes affectu, servato moderamine pietatis, tuum desiderium supportare, in toto Adventu Domini, proxime futuro, singulis diebus Dominicis, secunda, tertia, et quinta, feriis, singulis septimanis, nisi aliud solemne jejunium in ipsis contigerit, esum carnium et carnalium tibi specialiter indulgemus. In cujus rei etc. Datum apud Evenwod', ij°. die Decembris, anno Domini etc. [M^mo.ccc°.] xiiij°., et pontificatus nostri anno tertio. A.D. 1313.

Testimonium super renunciatione appellationis Petri de Carnoto.

Certificate upon the renunciation of the appeal of Peter de Chartres.

Universis Christi fidelibus, præsentes literas inspecturis, Ricardus, permissione divina, Dunelmensis episcopus, salutem in omnium Salvatore. Ut universitati vestræ testimonio præsentium veritas clarius elucescat, omnibus intimamus, quod cum dominus Petrus de Carnoto, dudum detentioni ecclesiæ beati Nicholai in Dunelmo incumbens, exigentibus suis culpis et demeritis, privatus, auctoritate nostra, fuisset exinde judicialiter et amotus, eandem ecclesiam, sic vacantem, dilecto filio, magistro Ricardo de Eryum, clerico nostro familiari, contulimus, intuitu caritatis. Sed idem dominus Petrus postmodum, se præmissorum occasione appellasse prætendens, et appellationes suas, primo in curia Eboracensi, ac subsequenter apud sedem apostolicam, contra eundem magistrum Ricardum, per nonnulla tempora, pro viribus prosecutus, tandem ad nos, apud Stokton', in nostra diœcesi, rediit et accessit; ibidemque, xvj°. die Aprilis, anno Domini M°.ccc°.xiij°., coram nobis personaliter constitutus, appellationibus, occasione præmissorum, qualitercunque interpositis, quas asseruit se fuisse usque tunc, quatenus potuit, prosecutum, necnon omnibus impetrationibus, eadem occasione prius factis, seu in posterum quomodolibet faciendis, renunciavit, sponte, pure, simpliciter, et etiam absolute. In quorum testimonium, præsentes literas fieri fecimus

A.D. 1313. patentes, et nostri sigilli appensione muniri. Datum apud Wolsingham, ultimo die Novembris, anno Domini supradicto, et pontificatus nostri tertio. An. Episc. 3.

Citation upon the taxation of the vicarage of Staunfordham.

Citatio super taxatione vicariæ de Staunfordham.

Ricardus, permissione divina, Dunolmensis episcopus, dilecto filio, decano Novi Castri, salutem, gratiam et benedictionem. Arbitrantes fore justum et consonum rationi, ut inter se onera communicent, qui commodis communicantur, vobis injungimus et mandamus, quatenus perpetuum vicarium ecclesiæ de Staunfordham citetis peremptorie, quod compareat coram nobis, vel commissariis nostris, uno vel pluribus, in Galilæa Dunolmi, die Lunæ proxima post festum Sanctæ Luciæ Virginis, rationes, si quas habeat, quare portio dictæ vicariæ suæ, sibi et ejus nomine assignata, quæ nondum taxata extitit ad certam æstimationem, per nos, auctoritate ordinaria, taxari non debet, et ipse, tanquam vicarius, pro rata portionis suæ, in vicaria antedicta, cujus emolumentum percipit, ut est notum, decimas et alias exactiones, ac onera extraordinaria, secundum tenorem ordinationis vicariæ antedictæ, conferendas, vel contribuendas, ad exonerationem religiosorum virorum, prioris et conventus de Hexteldesham, dictam ecclesiam de Staunfordham in usus proprios obtinentium, condemnari, et ad solutionem, vel satisfactionem, compelli, minime debeat, propositurus et ostensurus, facturusque, et recepturus quod hujusmodi natura negotii exigit et requirit: citantes, ad hæc, præfatos priorem et conventum, quod dictis die et loco sufficienter et legitime compareant et intersint, si sua viderint expedire. Quid autem in præmissis feceritis, nos vel commissarios nostros, unum vel plures, dictis die et loco, per vestras patentes literas, harum seriem continentes, reddatis certiores. Datum apud Evenwode, v°. die mensis Decembris, anno Domini M°.ccc°. tertiodecimo, et pontificatus nostri tertio.

An. Episc. 3. Commissio. Ricardus etc., dilecto filio . . . officiali nostro Dunelmensi, salutem, gratiam et benedictionem. In negotio contra perpetuum vicarium ecclesiæ de Staunfordham, super taxatione portionis suæ in vicaria antedicta, pro decimis et oneribus extraordinariis vicariam ipsam contingentibus, facienda, secundum taxationem hujusmodi, auctoritate nostra ordinaria, moto, et ad diffiniendum hujusmodi negotium, vobis vices nostras committimus, per præsentes, cum coercionis canonicæ potestate. Valete. Datum apud Evenwode, v°. die mensis Decembris, anno Domini M°.ccc°. tertiodecimo. A.D. 1313. Commission in the matter of the taxation of the vicarage of Staunfordham.

Litera acquietantiæ domino abbati de Aberbrothok'. Universis Christi fidelibus pateat per præsentes, quod nos, Ricardus, permissione divina, Dunelmensis episcopus, recepimus a religioso viro, domino Johanne, abbate de Aberbrothok', rectore ecclesiæ de Hautwisel, nostræ diœcesis, quatuor libras viginti unum denarios et obolum, de arreragiis quintæ-decimæ, domino Edwardo, Dei gratia, regi Angliæ illustri, apud Northampton, a clero diœcesis Dunelmensis, in subsidium suum, concessæ, ecclesiam suam prædictam contingentes, de quibus ipsum quietum et absolutum reddimus per præsentes. In cujus rei testimonium, sigillum nostrum præsentibus duximus apponendum. Datum apud Evenwod', v°. die Decembris, anno Domini M°.ccc°.xiij°., et pontificatus nostri tertio. Letter of acquittance for the abbot of Aberbrothok. f. 110.

Item. Acquietancia eidem. Universis Christi fidelibus pateat per præsentes, quod nos, Ricardus, permissione divina, etc., recepimus a religioso viro, domino Johanne abbate de Abberbrothok', rectore ecclesiæ de Hautwisel, nostræ diœcesis, viginti duos solidos et sex denarios, pro procurationibus venerabilis patris domini Arnaldi, Dei gratia, tituli Sanctæ Priscæ, presbyteri cardinalis, sedis apostolicæ nuncii specialis, Acquittance for the abbot of Aberbrothok.

A.D. 1313. pro primo anno moræ suæ in Anglia, dictam ecclesiam suam contingentes; de quibus ipsum quietum facimus per præsentes. Datum apud Evenwod', v°. die Decembris, anno Domini M°.CCC°.XIIJ°., et pontificatus nostri tertio. An. Episc. 3.

Letter of acquittance for Robert de Brompton.

Memorandum.— Quod die Sancti Nicholai, anno Domini M°.CCC°.XIIJ°., solvit dominus Robertus de Brompton', receptor Dunelmensis, centum libras domino episcopo Dunelmensi, et super hoc, eodem die, habuit literas suas acquietanciæ.

Memorandum of 40 days indulgence for the soul of Thomas de Botheby.

Memorandum.— Quod IX. die Decembris, anno Domini M°.CCC°.XIIJ°., concessit dominus XL. dies veniæ, pro anima Thomæ de Botheby.

Memorandum of the remission of the sequestration in the church of Horseley.

Memorandum.— Quod VJ°. die Decembris, anno Domini supradicto, directa fuit quædam litera Johanni de Pollowe, sequestratori, ad relaxandum sequestrum, in ecclesia . de Horseley interpositum, ratione quorundam brevium regiorum, recepta cautione sufficienti a Johanne de Horbiry, rectore ejusdem, de conservando dominum episcopum indemnem.

Memorandum as to the delivery of corn to the brethren of St. Augustine's, at Newcastle.

Memorandum.— Memorandum, quod, nono die mensis Decembris, directa fuit quædam litera Willelmo de Hebern,' ad liberandum duo quarteria frumenti fratribus Sancti Augustini de Novo Castro, de aliquo manerio, juxta suam dispositionem.

Memorandum as to the delivery of two cygnets from the vivary of Middelham.

Item, XJ°. die ejusdem mensis, directa fuit litera ballivo de Middelham, ad liberandum domino Roberto de Hilton' duos juvenes cygnos, de vivario manerii supradicti.

Commission to inquire into the matter of a clerk wounded by William de Norham in

Commissio pro clerico vulnerato per capellanum. Ricardus, permissione divina, Dunolmensis episcopus, dilecto filio, magistro Henrico de Luceby, clerico, salutem, gratiam et benedictionem. Ad audiendum et exami-

An. Episc. 3. nandum negotium domini Willelmi de Norham, capellani, super eo, quod Radulpho de Reoper, clerico, ex levitate animi, ut asseruit, injuriam irrogarat, in cancello ecclesiæ de Wermuth' Episcopi, manus usque ad effusionem sanguinis injiciendo in eundem; necnon, ponderatis personarum et facti conditionibus et circumstantiis, ad absolvendum eundem dominum Willelmum, in forma juris, prout ad nos absolutio legitime spectare constiterit in hoc casu, pœnitentiamque canonicam eidem capellano injungendum, vobis vices nostras committimus, per præsentes. Datum apud Evenwod', xiij°. die Decembris, anno Domini millesimo cccxiij°., et pontificatus nostri tertio.

A.D. 1313. the chancel of the church of Bishop's Wermuth.

Absolutio domini Willelmi de Norham.

Venerabilis patris, domini Ricardi, Dei gratia, Dunelmensis episcopi, commissarius, in hac parte, specialis, capellano parochialis ecclesiæ de Wermuth' Episcopi, salutem. Absolutionis beneficium, quod majoris excommunicationis sententia ligato impenditur, (ne, in ipsius absoluti contumeliam, vel scandalum, ab aliis evitetur, non ligatus,) publice notum esse, considerantes fore conveniens rationi, vobis injungimus et mandamus, quatenus dominum Willelmum de Norham, capellanum, quem, coram nobis existentem personaliter, a sententiis excommunicationum, quibus ex eo fuerat innodatus, quod Radulpho de Reoper, clerico in minoribus ordinibus et infra annos puberes constituto, in cancello ecclesiæ de Wermuth' Episcopi, manus injiciendo in eum, ad effusionem sanguinis, irrogarat injuriam, quam, ponderatis facti et personarum dictorum capellani et clerici conditionibus et circumstantiis, modicam et levem esse, non enormem, virorum prudentium communicato consilio, sumus arbitrati, auctoritate dicti patris, absolvimus, in forma juris, sic absolutum esse denuncietis publice, locis et temporibus opportunis. In cujus rei testimonium, has patentes literas sibi fecimus fieri,

Grant of absolution to William de Norham, for wounding Ralph de Reoper in the chancel of the church of Bishop's Wermuth.

A.D. 1313. sigilli nostri munimine communitas. Datum apud Evenwod', xiij°. die Decembris, anno Domini M°.ccc°. tertiodecimo. An. Episc.

Penance enjoined on the above-mentioned William de Norham.

Item. Pœnitentia sibi injuncta.

Injunctæ sunt domino Willelmo, capellano, pœnitentiæ infrascriptæ:—quod, infra annum præsentem, jejunet in pane et aqua duodecim diebus Veneris; et infra idem tempus dicat xij. Psalteria, pro animabus parentum domini episcopi, et omnium fidelium defunctorum, et quod, per tres dies Veneris, pascat, singulis diebus, unum pauperem.

f. 110 b. Acquittance to the receiver of Alverton.

Acquietancia receptori de Alverton'.

Pateat universis per præsentes, quod nos, Ricardus, permissione divina, Dunelmensis episcopus, recepimus de domino Alano capellano, receptore de Alverton', per manus camerarii nostri, quadraginta libras, de exitibus de Alverton'. In cujus rei testimonium, sigillum nostrum præsentibus est appensum. Datum apud Evenwod', xiij°. die Decembris, anno Domini etc. [M°.ccc°.] xiij°. et pontificatus nostri tertio.

Dismission from the court of York of the appeal of Richard Marmeduk.

Dimissio curiæ Eboracensis in causa appellationis domini Ricardi Marmeduk'.

Venerabili in Christo patri, domino Ricardo, Dei gratia, Dunolmensi episcopo, . . . officialis curiæ Eboracensis, salutem, cum reverentia et honore, debitis tanto patri. Quia in causa appellationis, in negotio, quod, ad promotionem dominæ Idæ de Nevill', super divortio, ut prætendebatur, celebrato inter dominum Johannem filium Marmeduci, militem, dum vixit, et præfatam dominam Idam, ex vestro vertebatur officio coram vobis, per dominum Ricardum Marmeduci militem, ob certa gravamina, in sua suggestione contenta, a vobis nuper ad Eboracensem curiam, ut asseruit, interjectæ, memoratum dominum Ricardum, partem, ut præmittitur, appellantem, tanquam appellationem suam, ad diem in vestro certifi-

An. Episc. 3. catorio, nostris etiam literis inhibitoriis et citatoriis, contentum, nullo modo prosequentem, vos insuper, et dicti officii vestri promotricem, ab examine nostro duximus dimittendos; id reverendæ paternitati vestræ, tenore præsentium, intimamus, ut in negotio prædicto ulterius exequamini, quod vestro incumbit officio in eodem, inhibitione dictæ curiæ, vobis super hoc directa, nullatenus obsistente. Datum Eboraci, iiij. kal. Octobris, anno Gratiæ millesimo ccc°. tertiodecimo. A.D. 1313.

Commissio. Ricardus, permissione divina, Dunelmensis episcopus, dilecto filio . . officiali nostro Dunelmensi, salutem, gratiam et benedictionem. Ad cognoscendum et procedendum in causis seu negotiis quæ contra dominum Johannem Dautre, militem, et dominam Idoneam, uxorem suam, ex officio nostro, conjunctim vel divisim, seu ad eorundem domini Johannis et dominæ Idoniæ instantiam, inter eos moventur, seu moveri sperantur, coram nobis, et ad dictas causas, seu negotia, debito fine terminandum, vobis vices nostras, committimus cum coercionis canonicæ potestate, donec eas ad nos duxerimus revocandas. Datum apud Evenwod', xvj°. die Decembris, anno Domini M°.ccc°. tertiodecimo, et pontificatus nostri tertio. Commission to proceed in the cause against Sir John Dautre and Lady Idonea, his wife.

Commissio. Ricardus, permissione divina, etc., dilecto filio . . officiali nostro Dunelmensi, salutem, gratiam et benedictionem. Ad cognoscendum et procedendum in causis, seu negotiis, quæ contra Nicholaum Surteys et Isabellam, filiam Thomæ de Fisheburn', uxorem suam, ex officio nostro, conjunctim vel divisim, seu ad eorundem Nicholai et Isabellæ instantiam, inter eos moventur, seu moveri sperantur, coram nobis, et ad dictas causas, seu negotia, debito fine terminandum, vobis vices nostras committimus, cum coercionis canonicæ potestate, donec eas ad nos Commission to proceed in the cause of Nicholas Surteys and Isabella his wife, daughter of Thomas Fisheburn.

A.D. 1313. duxerimus revocandas. Datum apud Evenwod', eisdem die et anno, ut supra. An. Episc. 3

Publication of the sentence against Ranulph de Nevill, for adultery and incest with his daughter Anastasia, the wife of Walter de Faucomberg.

Sententia lata contra Ranulphum de Nevill'.

Ricardus, permissione divina, Dunelmensis episcopus, dilecto filio . . officiali nostro Dunelmensi, salutem, gratiam et benedictionem. Quia dominum Ranulphum de Nevill', militem, citatum coram nobis legitime, ad certos diem et locum, pro incestus et adulterii crimine, cum domina Anastasia, filia sua, et uxore domini Walteri de Faucomberg' junioris, commisso, super quo, coram nobis, in jure convictus extiterat, et alias, pro suis demeritis, pœnitentiam condignam recepturum, et nullo modo comparentem, licet præconizatum pluries, et diutius expectatum, propter suas multiplicatas contumacias, ad officii nostri instantiam contractas, coram nobis, excommunicavimus, justitia suadente; vobis injungimus, firmiter et mandamus, quatenus dictum dominum Ranulphum sic excommunicatum fuisse, et esse, singulis diebus, vestro durante Consistorio, in Galilæa Dunelmi, publice nuncietis, et faciatis per omnes et singulas parochiales ecclesias; infra archidiaconatum Dunelmensem constitutas, publice nunciari. Quid autem in hac parte feceritis, et per quoscunque alios factum fuerit, vice nostra, nos, citra festum Epiphaniæ Domini proxime futurum, per vestras patentes literas, harum seriem continentes, distincte et aperte reddatis certiores. Datum apud Evenwod', xvj°. die Decembris, anno Domini M°.ccc°. tertiodecimo, et pontificatus nostri tertio.

Collation to the prebend of Langcestre.

Collatio præbendæ de Langcestr'.

Ricardus, permissione divina, Dunelmensis episcopus, dilecto filio, domino Johanni de Longford', salutem, gratiam et benedictionem. Præclara vitæ et conversationis tuæ merita literarum scientia, et alia plura virtutum dona, quibus laudabiliter dinosceris insignitus, nos excitant et in-

An. Episc 3. ducunt ut ea, quæ tuæ promotionis et honoris respiciunt incrementum, favorabiliter prosequamur. Canonicatum igitur, et præbendam, quos magister Johannes de Roma nuper habuit in collegiata ecclesia nostra de Langcestr', per liberam et spontaneam resignationem prædicti magistri Johannis, vacantes, et ad nostram collationem spectantes, cum omnibus juribus et pertinentiis suis, tibi conferimus, intuitu caritatis, et te, per annulum nostrum, investimus præsentialiter de eisdem. In cujus rei testimonium, præsentibus sigillum nostrum duximus apponendum. Datum apud Evenwod', xvij. die Decembris, anno Domini etc. [M°.CCC°.] xiij°., et pontificatus nostri tertio. A.D. 1313.

Inductio de eadem. Ricardus, permissione divina, Dunolmensis episcopus, dilecto filio . . . archidiacono nostro Dunelmensi, vel ejus officiali, salutem, gratiam et benedictionem. Quia canonicatum et præbendam, que fuerunt magistri Johannis de Roma, in ecclesia collegiata de Langcestr', per ipsius spontaneam resignationem vacantes, dilecto filio, domino Johanni de Longford contulimus, cum omnibus juribus et pertinentiis suis, intuitu caritatis; vobis mandamus, quatenus præfatum dominum Johannem de Longford, vel ipsius procuratorem, suo nomine, in corporalem possessionem dictorum canonicatus et præbendæ inducatis, ulterius exequentes circa eum quod, secundum consuetudinem dictæ ecclesiæ, requiritur in hac parte. Valete. Datum apud Evenwod', xvij°. die Decembris, pontificatus nostri anno tertio. f. 111. Mandate for the induction of John de Longford into the collegiate church of Langcestre.

Memorandum.— Quod eodem die direxit dominus literas suas Johanni de Pollowe, sequestratori suo, ad sequestrandum omnia bona apud Langcestr' inventa, de magistro Johanne de Roma, pro diversis debitis in quibus tenebatur. Memorandum as to sequestration of the goods of John de Roma for debt.

A.D. 1313. Mandate to the chancellor of Durham, for the arrest of an excommunicated person.

Litera missa R. cancellario Dunolmensi, pro excommunicato capiendo.

Ricardus, permissione divina, Dunelmensis episcopus, R., cancellario nostro Dunelmensi, salutem, gratiam et benedictionem. Quia Robertus de Coldingham, parochianus noster, manens in Estraynton', propter suas contumacias, pariter et offensas, ad instantiam domini Stephani de Mauley, rectoris ecclesiæ de Hoghton', coram . . . officiali nostro contractas, majoris est excommunicationis sententia involutus, et in ea, jam per quadraginta dies et amplius, pertinaciter perseveravit, animo indurato, et adhuc in eadem, contemptis ecclesiæ clavibus, perseverat; vobis mandamus, quatenus, secundum approbatam nostræ regiæ libertatis in hoc casu consuetudinem, pro captione ipsius Roberti, ad ejus insolentiam reprimendam, nostro scribere vicecomiti nullatenus omittatis. Valete. Datum apud Evenwod', die et anno supradictis. An. Episc. 3.

Commission to proceed with the cause against William, vicar of the church of Heighington.

Commissio.

Ricardus, permissione divina, Dunelmensis episcopus, dilecto filio . . . officiali nostro Dunelmensi, salutem, gratiam et benedictionem. Ad cognoscendum, procedendum, et diffiniendum, in causa, seu negotio, quæ contra dominum Willelmum, vicarium ecclesiæ parochialis de Heighington', ex officio nostro, super eo quod cœmeterium dictæ ecclesiæ effusione sanguinis dicitur polluisse, ac in eodem, sic polluto, mortuorum corpora tumulasse, moventur, seu moveri sperantur, vobis, de cujus fida plene speramus industria, vices nostras, cum coercionis canonicæ potestate, committimus, donec eas ad nos duxerimus revocandas. Valete. Datum apud Evenwod', xxj°. die Decembris, anno Domini M°.ccc°. tertiodecimo, et pontificatus nostri tertio.

Account of the tenths granted to the bishop for one year with the arrears due on the same.

Compotus decimæ annualis concessæ domino episcopo cum arreragiis debitis de eadem.

Compotus domini Roberti de Dunelmo, de arreragiis suis, super collectione decimæ, domino episcopo, per unum annum, concessæ. Idem recepit clix. *li.* xiiij. *s.*

An. Episc. 3. vij. *d. q.* De quibus, in liberatione facta dompno Hugoni de Monte Alto, per unam literam, xix. *li.* Item, magistro Willelmo de Kellawe, receptori scaccarii Dunelmensis, xiij. *li.* vj. *s.* viij. *d.* ut compoto ejusdem, anno tertio. Item, domino Roberto de Dunelmo, pro diversis necessariis, ab eo emptis, ad opus episcopi, per unam literam, x. *li.* iiij. *s. ob.* Item, domino [ ] per Robertum Tymperon, viij. *li.*, ut in visu compoti domini H. Summa l. *li.* x. *s.* viij. *d. ob.* Et sic restant, cix. *li.* iij. *s.* x. *d. ob. q.* Inde liberavit domino Hugoni de Monte Alto, sine litera, per magistrum Ricardum de Eryum, x. *li.* Et sic restant, iiij^{xx}. xix. *li.* iij. *s.* x. *d. ob. q.* De rectore de Hoghton', retro de secundo termino, xl. *s.* De rectore de Seggefeld, pro secundo termino, cxiij. *s.* iiij. *d.* De rectore de Quicham, pro anno integro, xl. *s.* De rectore capellæ de Hilton, pro anno integro, x. *s.* De portione quondam Philippi de Kyrkenny, pro secundo termino, xx. *s.* De pensione vicarii in eadem, pro anno integro, xx. *s.* De portione domini Oliveri Dayncourt', pro anno integro, xxxiij. *s.* iiij. *d.* De portione Johannis de Lascy, pro anno integro, xxvj. *s.* viij. *d.* De portione magistri Ricardi de Eryum, pro anno integro, xiij. *s.* iiij. *d.* De portione Ægidii de Garderoba, pro anno integro, xiij. *s.* iiij. *d.* De portione Radulphi Besage, pro anno integro, xiij. *s.* iiij. *d.* De portione Poncii Montis Martini, pro secundo termino, x. *s.* viij. *d.* De portione Johannis de Percy, pro anno integro, xl. *s.* De portione Roberti de Baldok', pro anno integro, xxvj. *s.* viij. *d.* De rectore de Conysclyve, pro secundo termino, xxvj. *s.* viij. *d.* De rectore de Langneuton, pro anno integro, xl. *s.* De portione Roberti de Levesham, pro secundo termino, vj. *s.* De portione Lowisii, pro secundo termino, vj. *s.* De vicario ejusdem, pro secundo termino, xx. *s.* De portione Eliæ de Sordiche, pro secundo termino, xvj. *s.* viij. *d.* De portione W. de Ewell', pro secundo termino, xvj. *s.* A.D. 1813.

A.D. 1312. viij. *d.* De portione Adæ de Midelton', pro anno integro, xxxiij. *s.* iiij. *d.* De rectore de Ellesden, pro anno integro, iiij. *li.* xix. *d. ob.* De portione domini Rogeri de Normanton', pro anno integro, xiij. *s.* iiij. *d.* D portione magistri de Hilleschawe, pro anno integro, x. *s.* De rectore de Ovyngham, pro anno integro, ix. *li.* xij. *s.* vj. *d.* De rectore de Symundburn', pro anno integro, xiij. *li.* xij. *s.* vj. *d.* De rectore Beati Nicholai, pro anno integro, lxxvij. *s.* iiij. *d.* De rectore de Neuburn, pro anno integro, vj. *li.* iiij. *s.* De rectore de Qwalton', pro anno integro, lvj. *s.* x. *d.* De pensione episcopi Dunelmensis, per episcopum et priorem Carliolenses, xx. *s.* De Neuton' in Glendale, pro primo termino, x. *s.* Item, pro secundo termino, iiij. *li.* x. *s.* De ecclesia de Hildreton', pro secundo termino, xx. *s.* De portione prioris de Kyrkham in Brankeston', pro anno integro, v. *d.* De vicario de Felton', pro secundo termino, vj. *s.* viij. *d.* De rectore de Werkeworth', pro anno integro, viij. *li.* De vicario de Lecebiry, pro secundo termino, vj. *s.* viij. *d.* De rectore de Angam, pro anno integro, cvj. *s.* viij. *d.* De rectore de Alwenton', pro primo termino, xxj. *d.* De rectore de Alneham, pro anno integro, lxij. *s.* De rectore de Howyk', pro anno integro, xxxij. *s.* An. Episc. 3

f. 111 b. Commission to levy the year's tenths granted to the bishop.

Commissio ad levandum arreragia decimæ annualis concessæ domino episcopo.

Ricardus, permissione divina, Dunelmensis episcopus, dilecto filio, Johanni de Pollowe, sequestratori nostro, salutem, gratiam et benedictionem. Ad exigendum, levandum, et recipiendum, arreragia decimæ unius anni, quæ, per clerum nostræ diœcesis, nobis nuper concessa fuerat, de beneficiis suis ecclesiasticis, et debitores eorundem ad solutionem faciendam compellendum, vobis vices nostras committimus, cum coercionis canonicæ potestate. Datum apud Evenwod', xxj°. die mensis Decembris, anno Domini M°.ccc°.xiij°.

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Commissio super appropriatione ecclesiæ de Felton', et ad recipiendum et restituendum unum vicarium in eadem.

A.D. 1313. Commission upon the appropriation of the church of Felton, and power to institute one of the Austin Canons of the monastery of Brenkeburn in the vicarage of the same.

Ricardus, permissione divina, Dunolmensis episcopus, dilecto filio, magistro Ricardo de Eryum, præbendario in ecclesia præbendali Langecestr', nostræ diœcesis, salutem, gratiam et benedictionem. Ad cognoscendum et pronunciandum super appropriatione ecclesiæ de Felton', dictæ nostræ diœcesis, quam dilecti filii . . prior et conventus monasterii de Brenkeburn', ordinis Sancti Augustini, in usus proprios se canonice obtinere prætendunt, et jure sic retinendi eandem, necnon ad concedendum et indulgendum, auctoritate et vice nostra, eisdem religiosis, quod vicaria ipsius ecclesiæ de cætero per unum de suis concanonicis perpetuo regatur, et ad ponendum et ordinandum œconomum [1] in eadem, necnon ad ordinandum de portione pro vicario assignanda; præsentatumque concanonicum ad vicariam eandem admittendum et instituendum, et in ejus corporalem possessionem inducendum, et omnia et singula faciendum, quæ in præmissis, et circa ea, necessaria fuerint, vel opportuna, tibi, de cujus circumspectionis industria, ad plenum confidimus, vices nostras commitimus cum cujuslibet coercionis potestate. Valete. Datum apud Aukeland', xxvj°. die Decembris, anno Domini etc., [M°.ccc°.] tertiodecimo, et pontificatus nostri tertio.

Literæ testimoniales super conversatione.

Letters testimonial in favour of John, son of Peter de Herdwyk in custody at Beverley.

Universis Christi fidelibus præsentes literas inspecturis, Ricardus, permissione divina, Dunolmensis episcopus, salutem in omnium Salvatore. Ipsos a gravaminibus, qui sine suis demeritis opprimuntur, per laudabile testimonium, relevare piissimum reputantes, omnibus et singulis, quorum interest, notitiæ, per hæc scripta, volumus pervenire, quod Johannes filius Petri de Herdwyk', in nostra diœcesi oriundus, qui, sicut accepimus, apud Beverlacum detinetur, carcerali custodiæ mancipatus,

[1] *œcon·mum*] yconomum, MS.

A.D. 1313. dum in partibus nostris conversaretur et ageret, fidelis et bonæ famæ habebatur, nec, in eisdem conversans aliquo crimine, sicut de eo per nonnullos testimonium perhibetur, fuerat irretitus. In cujus rei testimonium, sigillum nostrum præsentibus duximus apponendum. Datum apud Stokton, xxviij°. die Decembris, anno Domini millesimo trecentesimo tertiodecimo, et pontificatus nostri tertio. An. Episc. 3.

Letters testimonial of the ordination of John, son of William Silly of Gretham, as subdeacon, deacon, and priest.

Literæ testimoniales ordinum. Universis Christi fidelibus præsentes literas inspecturis, Ricardus, permissione divina, Dunolmensis episcopus, salutem in Domino. Noveritis quod nuper venerabilis pater, dominus Thomas, Dei gratia, Candidæ Casæ episcopus, die Sabbati Quatuor Temporum, in prima septimana Quadragesimæ, anno Domini millesimo trecentesimo duodecimo, in ecclesia collegiata Cestr', nostræ diœcesis, vice et auctoritate nostra, ordines celebrans, Johannem filium Willelmi Silly, de Gretham, acolytum, inter alios, ad titulum Johannis Makepays, de Claxton', rite et canonice in subdiaconum ordinavit: et nos, postmodum, in vigilia Sanctæ Trinitatis, anno Domini millesimo trecentesimo tertiodecimo, in ecclesia parochiali de Kell' ordines personaliter celebrantes, dictum Johannem, ad eundem titulum, in diaconum, et, die Sabbati Quatuor Temporum proximo post festum Sanctæ Luciæ Virginis, anno eodem, in ecclesia collegiata de Aukeland', eundem Johannem in presbyterum, ad titulum supradictum, de quo idem Johannes reputat se contentum, rite et canonice duximus ordinandum. In cujus rei testimonium, has literas nostras fieri, et nostro sigillo fecimus communiri. Datum apud Evenwod', xxiij°. die Decembris, anno Domini millesimo ccc°. tertiodecimo, et pontificatus nostri tertio.

Memorandum that John le Fouler, of Gretham, had like letters testimonial.

Memorandum. Quod Johannes le Fouler, de Gretham, habuit literas testimoniales, sub eisdem data, et anno et tempore, [de] receptione ordinum, et eadem forma.

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Memorandum.— Quod xxvij°. die mensis Decembris, concessit dominus literas dimissorias domino Willelmo de Ayremynne subdiacono, rectori ecclesiæ de Whitberne, ad ordines diaconatus et presbyteratus. A.D. 1313. Memorandum as to letters dimissory granted to William de Ayremynne.

Memorandum. Quod xxviij°. die Decembris emanavit quædam captio, ex concessione domini, ad capiendum magistrum Johannem de Chesewyk' executorem testamenti Ricardi de Chesewyk', patris sui, ad instantiam Nicholai de Karl' et Willelmi, fratris sui, executorum testamenti magistri Johannis de Saundoun'. Memorandum as to the issue of a caption for the taking of a certain executor of a testament.

Memorandum.— Quod xxix°. die Decembris, anno Domini millesimo ccc°. tertiodecimo, concessit dominus xl. dies veniæ, cum ratificatione, pro anima domini Johannis Daudre, militis, cujus corpus in cœmeterio parochialis ecclesiæ de Seggefeld' humanæ traditur sepulturæ. f. 112. Memorandum as to an indulgence of 40 days for the soul of Sir John Baudre, whose body is buried at Seggefeld.

Relaxatio sequestri de bonis Willelmi de Bliburgh. Ricardus, permissione divina, Dunelmensis episcopus, dilecto filio . . officiali nostro Dunelmensi, salutem, gratiam et benedictionem. Cum executores testamenti domini Willelmi de Bliburgh domino nostro, regi, securitatem fecerunt competentem, ad respondendum eidem de pecuniarum summis, per dictum defunctum sibi debitis quibuscunque, et venerabili patri, domino Waltero, electo Cantuariensi, uni dictorum executorum, intime placet, sicut per literas ipsius accepimus, quod sequestrum in bonis ipsius defuncti per nos interpositum relaxetur; vobis mandamus, quatenus sequestrum in bonis ejusdem, ad mandatum nostrum nuper interpositum, relaxantes, attornatum, seu procuratorem, eorundem executorum, super hoc mandatum, aut literas, exhibentem, de bonis ipsius, libere, sine quovis impedimento, disponere permittatis. Valete. Datum apud Stoketon', ultimo die Decembris, pontificatus nostri anno tertio. Release of the sequestration of the goods of William de Bliburgh.

A.D. 1314. Acquittance of the account of Hugh de Montalt.

Acquietancia compoti domini Hugonis de Monte Alto.

Christi fidelibus universis pateat per præsentes, quod nos, Ricardus, permissione divina, Dunolmensis episcopus, ultimo die mensis Decembris, anno Domini millesimo ccc°. tertiodecimo, et pontificatus nostri tertio, audito compoto dilecti filii, domini Hugonis de Monte Alto, de omnibus receptis et receptoribus nostris, ballivis, aut aliis quibuscunque, necnon et de expensis et liberatis per eundem ubicunque, allocatis allocandis, ac omnibus rite factis, quæ hujusmodi negotium exigit et requirit, a die consecrationis nostræ usque in diem confectionis præsentium computando, invenimus ipsum fidele compotum et sufficiens reddidisse, expensis et liberatis concordantibus per omnia cum receptis. Quocirca eundem dominum Hugonem ab onere dicti compoti, de toto dicto tempore, absolvimus, exuimus, et quietum facimus, per præsentes, quas eidem facimus patentis sigilli nostri munimine roboratas. Datum apud Stoketon', primo die Januarii, anno Domini supradicto, et pontificatus nostri tertio. An. Episc. 3.

Memorandum as to the issue of letters removing a sequestration.

Memorandum.—

Quod secundo die Januarii, anno Domini supradicto, emanavit quædam litera, ex concessione domini, Johanni de Pollowe, sequestratori, ad liberandum sequestrum in fructibus et proventibus decanatus decani Cestr'

Memorandum as to an acquittance to Adam de Boghes for the issues of his office of sheriff of Durham.

Memorandum.—

Quod quinto die Januarii, anno Domini millesimo ccc°. tertiodecimo, facta fuit quædam acquietancia Adæ Boghes, vicecomiti Dunolmensi, apud Stokton', de viginti libris, receptis ab eodem de exitibus officii sui.

Inhibition of tournaments and jousts by papal bull of pope Clement V.

Inhibitio torneamentorum et justarum per bullam domini papæ.

Willelmus, permissione divina, Eboracensis archiepiscopus, Angliæ primas, venerabili fratri, domino Ricardo, ejusdem permissione, Dunelmensi episcopo, salutem,et

An. Episc. 3. fraternæ caritatis in Domino continuum incrementum. A.D. 1313.
Literas venerabilis patris, domini Nicholai, Dei gratia, tituli Sancti Eusebii, presbyteri cardinalis, apostolicæ sedis nuncii, pro negotiis Terræ Sanctæ, quarto id. Decembris recepimus, tenorem, qui sequitur, per omnia continentes : V enerabilibus patribus, dominis, Dei gratia, archiepiscopo Eboracensi, et episcopis ejus suffraganeis, frater Nicholaus, miseratione divina, tituli Sancti Eusebii, presbyter cardinalis, apostolicæ sedis nuncius, pro negotiis Terræ Sanctæ, salutem in Domino sempiternam. Noveritis nos recepisse mandatum apostolicum, in hæc verba : — Clemens, episcopus, servus servorum Dei, dilecto filio, Nicholao, tituli Sancti Eusebii, presbytero cardinali, apostolicæ sedis nuncio, salutem, et apostolicam benedictionem. Cum nuper, certis ex causis, quæ nos ad id rationabiliter induxerunt, in Franciæ, Angliæ, et Alamaniæ, regnis, ac nonnullis aliis partibus, in quibus torneamentorum et justarum consuevit usus haberi, illorum exercitia, quibusdam pœnis in contrafacientes adjectis, duxerimus inhibenda, prout in nostris inde confectis literis, quarum tenorem, ut de illis certitudo plenior habeatur, præsentibus inseri fecimus, plenius continetur; volumus et discretioni tuæ, per apostolica scripta, mandamus quatenus inhibitionem hujusmodi, ubi et quando expedire videris, facias solemniter publicari. Tenor prædictus talis est:—Clemens, episcopus, servus servorum Dei, ad futuram rei memoriam. Passiones miserabiles Terræ Sanctæ, in quibus viscera nostra, per debitum compassionis affectum, multi doloris acerbitate torquentur, ab olim internæ pietatis oculis intuentes, apostolici pectoris studia indefesse convertimus, ac vias et modos exquisivimus diligenter, quibus ei posset de opportuni succursus auxilio provideri. Et tandem Illius, Qui terram ipsam proprio sanguine, pretio salutis nostræ, perfudit, propitiante clementia, in concilio Viennensi, eodem approbante Concilio, in ipsius terræ, quæ

A.D. 1313. peculiaris præclari nostri Salvatoris hæreditas est, in qua cœli Regem Virgo puerpera genuit, quam etiam Redemptoris nostri pretiosissimus cruor, pro humani generis redemptione perfudit, in qua poni meruit sepulcri Dominici fundamentum, et quam resurgens Christus a mortuis resurrectionis gloria multipliciter illustravit, succursum generale passagium duximus ordinandum. Ad quod cum nostris operante Illo, Cujus negotium agebatur, Qui animos regum et principum, prout et quando vult, devotionis igne succendit, ad salubrium exercitium actionum carissimorum in Christo filiorum nostrorum, Philippi Francorum, Edwardi Angliæ, et Lodowici Navarræ, regum illustrium, et dicti
f. 112 b. regis Francorum aliorum filiorum et fratrum, concurrentibus votis et animis, ipsi et quamplures alii duces, comites, et barones, nobiles et potentes, ad vindicandas nostri Redemptoris injurias, ad liberandam Terram Sanctam de Agarenorum manibus, quæ, peccatis exigentibus, nunc eorum pollutis pedibus conculcatur, necnon et pro suorum remedio peccatorum, se transituros in dictæ Terræ Sanctæ subsidium in eodem passagio, per votum assumptæ crucis, specialiter obligarunt. Sed, proh dolor! versutus hostis humani generis, eversor bonorum operum, et callidus procurator malorum, quique ardentiores in Dei servitio, et Deo familiariores, latenter magis impugnat, mille habet modos nocendi, quorundam crucis-signatorum et aliorum, qui ad procurandum homines, arma, expensas et equos, pro dicto passagio faciendo, deberent esse solliciti et intenti, animos ad procurandum contrarium, sub quadam probitatis improbanda specie, fallaciter inclinavit. Cum enim in torneamentis et justis, quæ interdum in aliquibus partibus fieri solent, multa pericula immineant animarum, neces hominum, consumptio pecuniarum, et equorum destructiones plerumque contingant, nemini venit in dubium sanæ mentis quin, illi qui torneamenta faciunt, vel fieri procurant, impedimentum procurent

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An. Episc. 3. passagio faciendo; ad quod homines, equi, et pecunia et expensæ, fore necessaria dinoscuntur. Propter quæ et quoniam hujusmodi torneamenta sunt, cum gravis pœnæ adjectione, a nostris prædecessoribus interdicta, quum etiam in faciendis justis prædictis, quæ "Tabulæ rotundæ," in aliquibus partibus, vulgariter nuncupantur, eadem damna et pericula imminent, quæ in torneamentis prædictis; et ideo circa eas idem jus statuendum existit.—Ideo, universis et singulis, per Franciæ, Angliæ, et Alemanniæ, regna, Burgundiam imperialem ac comitatum Provinciæ, Viennensem et Bisuntinensem provincias, et contigua, circumvicina, ac adjacentia, partes, terras, et loca, constitutis, in quibus, vel aliquibus eorundem, frequenter torneamentorum et justarum prædictorum consuevit usus haberi, cujuscunque conditionis status, vel præeminentiæ, fuerint, auctoritate apostolica, districte præcipimus, et inhibemus expresse, ne torneamenta seu justas hujusmodi, in dictis regnis, provinciis, partibus, terris, et locis, de cætero facere vel exercere præsumant. Nos enim in omnes et singulos de dictis regnis, provinciis, partibus, terris, et locis, torneamenta seu justas prædicta, contra hujusmodi mandati et inhibitionis nostrorum tenorem, facere vel exercere quomodolibet præsumentes, necnon et in eos in quorum terris, vel districtibus seu locis, illa fieri contigerit, non prohibentes, si possint, ac in eos qui hujusmodi torneamenta seu justas facientes, seu facere volentes, et propter hoc ad locum torneamenti seu justarum hujusmodi accedentes, eundo et standO, in domibus suis scienter receperint, ipsis equos, arma, vel expensas, vel quævis alia subsidia, pro hiis faciendis, ministraverint, vel cum eisdem super hiis aliquid commercium inierint, excommunicationis sententiam promulgamus, et terras ipsorum ecclesiastico subjicimus interdicto, absolutionem ab excommunicatione prædicta, præterquam in mortis articulo, sedi apostolicæ reservantes; omnes confœderationes, colligationes, pac- A.D. 1313.

A.D. 1313 tiones, promissiones, et obligationes, factas super hiis, et An. Episc. 3.
quas fieri contigerit in futurum, sub quacunque forma seu modo, vel ex compressione verborum, etiamsi essent juramentis vel quibusvis pœnarum adjectionibus, roborata, exnunc irrita decernentes. Nulli ergo omnino hominum liceat hanc paginam nostri mandati inhibitionis, promulgationis, subjectionis, reservationis, et constitutionis, infringere, vel ei ausu temerario contraire. Si quis autem hoc attentare præsumpserit, indignationem Omnipotentis Dei, et beatorum Petri et Pauli, apostolorum ejus, se noverit incursurum. Datum in Prioratu de Gransello prope Malausanam, Vasyonensis diœcesis, xviij. kal. Octobris, pontificatus nostri anno octavo.—Datum in Prioratu de Gransello prope Malausanam, Vasyonensis diœcesis, xvj. kal. Octobris, pontificatus nostri anno octavo. Cum igitur nobis per sedem apostolicam, ut præmittitur, mandatum existat ut contenta in literis apostolicis suprascriptis, ubi et quando nobis videbitur, faciamus solemniter publicari, et nobis summopere expediens videatur ut prædicta in regno Angliæ celeriter et solenniter publicentur, hujus auctoritate mandati, vobis, et vestrum singulis, præsentium tenore, districte præcipiendo, mandamus quatenus hujusmodi contente in prædictis literis apostolicis, scilicet, quilibet vestrum, in locis solemnibus suæ diœcesis quantocius solenniter publicetis; caventes ne, quod absit, propter aliquam negligentiam vestram, Dei, cujus in hoc negotium agitur, ac domini nostri, summi pontificis, qui hujusmodi negotium intime gerit in visceribus cordis sui, indignationem merito incurratis. Vos vero, domine archiepiscope, copiam præsentium, sub sigillo vestro, prædictis vestris suffraganeis, quamcitius poteritis transmittatis. Datum Parys', vj. id. Octobris pontificatus domini Clementis, papæ V., anno octavo. Copiam itaque earundem literarum, sub sigillo nostro, vobis mittimus, ut mandatum, vobis in hac parte directum, infra vestram diœcesim debite exequi vale-

An. Episc. 3. atis. Conservet vos Dominus in prosperis, ad regimen ecclesiæ suæ sanctæ, per tempora feliciter successiva. Datum apud Scroby, iij. id. Decembris, anno Gratiæ millesimo trecentesimo tertiodecimo, et pontificatus nostri octavo. A.D. 1313.

Testamentum domini Johannis Daudre. f. 113. Testament of Sir John Daudre, knight.

In nomine Dei, Amen. Ego, Johannes Daudre, miles, die Sancti Thomæ apostoli sere, condo testamentum [meum] in hunc modum. Inprimis, lego animam meam Deo et beatæ Mariæ, et corpus meum ad sepeliendum in cœmeterio beatæ Mariæ de Seggefeld. Item, pro mortuario meo, melius animal, cum armis. Item, in cera, xl. *s.* Item, in oblationibus et vigiliis, xx. *s.*, in distributione pauperum, x. *li.* Item, luminari beatæ Mariæ de Seggefeld' dimidium marcæ. Item, summo altari, xl. *s.* Item, domino Johanni Gray et Waltero de Thresk', capellanis, xiij. *s.* iiij. *d.* Item, cuilibet capellano celebranti in ecclesia de Seggefeld', xij. *d.* Item, duobus clericis, proportionaliter, ij. *s.* Item, clericis psalteria dicentibus, et viduis vigilantibus, xiij. *s.* iiij. *d.* Item, Petro, fratri meo, si, pro me, ad Terram Sanctam iter arripere voluerit, xx. *li.*, sin autem, alteri, pro me, volenti ire. Item, cuidam capellano idoneo, celebranti pro anima mea per sex annos in ecclesia de Seggefeld', xx. *li.* Item, Isabellæ sorori meæ, ad maritagium suum, xx. marcas. Item, Gilberto, fratri meo, xx. *li.* Item, Roberto de Laton', unum bacinettum et unam loricam. Item, totum residuum armorum meorum delego Petro, fratri meo. Item, eidem Petro, fratri meo, xx. marcas. Item, Katerinæ, sorori meæ, et liberis suis, viij. marcas. Item dominæ Elisabet, sorori meæ, c. *s.* Item, Margeriæ, filiæ[1] meæ, iiij. marcas. Item, garcionibus, qui mihi servierunt per longum tempus, secundum dispositionem executorum meorum, xl. *s.* Item, Johanni Dautre, famulo meo, apud Shocton', xl. *s.* Item, liberis Ranulphi, avunculi mei, secundum dispositionem exe-

[1] *filiæ*] Sic ? filiolæ.

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Licence to Richard de Eryum to let to farm ecclesiastical benefices.

Licentia dimittendi ecclesiastica beneficia ad firmam.

Ricardus, permissione divina, Dunolmensis episcopus, dilecto filio, magistro Ricardo de Eryum, præbendario ecclesiæ Langcestr', nostræ diœcesis, et rectori ecclesiæ beati Nicholai in Dunolmo, salutem, gratiam et benedictionem. Licet nos, habilitatem tuam studendi in jure civili dudum sinceris affectibus intuentes, ut per certum tempus in nostris literis, super hoc confectis, plenius comprehensum, insistere valeas studio literarum, tibi, per dictas literas nostras, licentiam, sub certa forma, concesserimus specialem, ut tamen liberius et quietius studio vacare valeas, quod dicta beneficia tua cuicunque ad id habili, ea ad firmam recipere volenti, possis ad firmam dimittere, tibi dimittendi, et sibi recipiendi, per totum tempus in dictis nostris literis compre-

[1] *constituo*] constuo, MS.

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Acquietancia de xv. collecta per officialem Dunelmensem.

Acquittance as to the fifteenth granted to the king, and collected by the official of Durham.

Pateat universis per præsentes, quod nos, Ricardus, permissione divina, Dunelmensis episcopus, recepimus per manus magistri Willelmi de Quicham, officialis nostri Dunelmensis, de priore de Hextildesham, x. *li.* xviij. *s.* viij. *d.* De hospitali de Tynemuth, vj. *s.* viij. *d.* De vicario de Heighington, iij. *s.* iiij. *d.* De magistro de Karram, xvij. *s.* iiij. *d.* De Johanne de Metyngham, xx. *s.*, et de Hospitali Sancti Edmundi de Gatesheved, xij. *s.*: de quintadecima domino nostro regi a clero, apud Northamton', concessa. In cujus rei testimonium, sigillum nostrum præsentibus est appensum. Datum apud Crayk', ij. id. Januarii, anno Domini M°.ccc°.xiij°., et pontificatus nostri tertio.

Concessio cantariæ.

Licence to a chaplain to have a chantry for the service of Mass, in his private chamber.

Ricardus, permissione divina, Dunolmensis episcopus, dilecto filio, magistro Ricardo de Wynceby, capellano, manenti in Derlington', salutem, gratiam et benedictionem. Mores et merita conversationis tuæ, quibus, fidedignorum laudabili testimonio, nosceris publice commendari, sinceramque devotionem tuam circa sacerdotale officium, absque stipendiis etiam aliorum divina celebrando, necnon et senium tuum et imbecillitatem, ac alia quæ tibi debilitato impedimenta succedunt, propter quæ ad ecclesiam parochialem de Derlington', ad celebrandum divina, commode laborare nequis, attendentes; ne missarum et orationum suffragia, quæ desideramus augeri, subtrahantur quibus præsunt, ut in camera tua, infra villam de Derlington, ubi degis, missam celebrare valeas, dum tamen ad id apta

A.D. 1314. fuerit, prout decet, absque præfatæ ecclesiæ præjudicio aliquali, licentiam tibi concedimus, tenore præsentium, et liberam facultatem. In cujus rei testimonium, has literas nostras tibi fieri fecimus, sigilli nostri munimine roboratas. Datum apud Rychale, ij. kal. Februarii, anno Domini millesimo ccc°.xiij°., et pontificatus nostri tertio. An. Episc. 3.

f. 113 b. Power of attorney given by the bishop to his proctors for contracting a loan.

Obligatio ad contrahendum mutuum.

Universis sanctæ matris ecclesiæ filiis pateat per præsentes, quod nos, Ricardus, permissione divina, Dunolmensis episcopus, dilectos filios, magistros Johannem de Insula et Johannem de Snaynton', clericos, procuratores nostros, conjunctim, et eorum quemlibet, per se in solidum, divisim, facimus, et nuncios speciales, de voluntate, consensu, et assensu, capituli ecclesiæ nostræ Dunolmensis, ad contrahendum mutuum, nostro et ecclesiæ nostræ prædictæ nomine, usque ad summam quingentarum librarum sterlingorum, cum quibuscunque mercatoribus, et aliis personis ubicunque, contrahere volentibus cum eisdem, et tantam pecuniam, in toto vel in parte, nomine nostro, et ecclesiæ nostræ prædictæ, recipiendum, et in utilitatem nostram et ecclesiæ nostræ convertendum, quando et ubi ipsi, vel unus ipsorum, viderint, vel viderit, expedire; et ad obligandum nos, ecclesiam nostram prædictam, et successores nostros, per quascunque vias, modos, et formas, sub quibuscunque pœnis, quibus contrahentes cum ipsis vel altero ipsorum, pro securitate eorundem, magis viderint expedire, ad solutionem pecuniæ prædictæ fideliter faciendum, diebus et locis quos ad hoc contrahentes cum ipsis, vel eorum altero, duxerint assignandos; et ad renunciandum omnibus exceptionibus generaliter et specialiter quæ contra præmissa objici poterunt per quemcunque; et ad submittendum nos, ecclesiam nostram, et successores nostros, jurisdictioni et coercioni cujuscunque judicis ecclesiastici, quem ad hæc contrahentes cum ipsis, vel eorum altero, duxerint eligendum; et specialiter

An. Episc. 3. ad recognoscendum coram judice memorato, nos, ecclesiam nostram prædictam, et successores nostros, ac se nomine nostro, in præfata pecuniæ summa efficaciter obligari; sententiamque condemnatoriam et præceptum judicis hujusmodi subeundum, et eidem consentiendum, sub censuris ecclesiasticis quibuscunque; quodlibet genus liciti sacramenti in animam nostram præstandum, et omnia alia generaliter et specialiter faciendum et exercendum in præmissis, et singulis præmissorum, sine quibus ea, et eorum aliquod, nequiverint, vel nequiverit, expediri, etiamsi mandatum exigant speciale: ratum et firmum habituri quicquid præfati procuratores, vel unus ipsorum, nostro nomine et ecclesiæ nostræ prædictæ, fecerint, vel fecerit, in præmissis, et singulis præmissorum. In cujus rei testimonium, has literas fieri fecimus patentes, sigilli nostri, et sigilli communis capituli nostri prædicti munimine roboratas. Datum Dunelmi, iiij°. die Januarii, anno Domini M°.ccc°. tertiodecimo, secundum cursum Ecclesiæ Anglicanæ, et pontificatus nostri tertio. A.D. 1314.

Memorandum.— Quod, eodem die, facta fuit una obligatio de ducentis libris, sub eadem forma; et etiam tertia obligatio, de trecentis libris, eodem die, et sub eadem forma. Memorandum of a bond made for the loan before mentioned.

Acquietancia receptori de Hoveden. Pateat universis per præsentes, quod nos, Ricardus, permissione divina, Dunolmensis episcopus, recepimus de Hugone de Lokington', receptore nostro de Hoveden', apud Rychale, die Martis, in festo Sancti Maurii abbatis, anno Domini millesimo trecentesimo tertiodecimo, quinquaginta et quinque libras sterlingorum. In cujus rei testimonium, hac literas nostras eidem Hugoni fieri fecimus patentes, sigillo nostro signatas. Datum apud Richal', die et anno supradictis. Acquittance to the receiver of Hoveden.

A.D. 1314. Bond or obligation, made to Walter de Gosewyk.

Obligatio facta Waltero de Gosewyk.'

Universis Christi fidelibus, ad quos præsentes literæ pervenerint, Ricardus, permissione divina, Dunolmensis episcopus, salutem in Domino. Noveritis nos teneri Waltero de Gosewyk' in quingentis xxxiij. libris vj. solidis viij. denariis sterlingorum, (quam quidem pecuniam fatemur et recognoscimus conversam, ex causa mutui, in commodum et utilitatem ecclesiæ nostræ Dunolmensis,) solvendis eidem Waltero, vel suo certo attornato, hoc scriptum deferenti, apud Norham, ad festum Pentecostes proxime futurum, sine ulteriore dilatione. Ad quam quidem solutionem fideliter faciendam, obligamus nos et executores nostros, et nostram ecclesiam supradictam. In cujus rei testimonium, has literas nostras fieri fecimus patentes, sigilli nostri munimine roboratas. Datum apud Rychale, xiiij°. die Januarii, anno Domini millesimo ccc°.xiij°., et pontificatus nostri tertio. An. Episc. 3.

Acquittance upon the account of Matthew Daunei.

Acquietantia compoti Matthei Dauney.

Christi fidelibus universis pateat per præsentes, quod cum nos, Ricardus, permissione divina, Dunolmensis episcopus, compotum dilecti nostri Matthæi Daunei, a die consecrationis nostræ, quo manerii nostri de Alverton' ballivus extitit, et receptor, per certos, ad hoc deputatos, audiri fecerimus, de omnibus receptis et liberatis per eundem usque in diem confectionis præsentium, ac inventum fuerit eundem Matthæum, allocatis qualitercunque rationabiliter allocandis, fidele et sufficiens compotum reddidisse, liberatis et expensis per omnia concordantibus cum receptis, antedictum Matthæum ab onere hujusmodi compoti, toto tempore prædicto, exuimus et absolvimus per præsentes; nolentes quod de cætero, occasione dicti compoti, gravamen inferatur eidem, vel molestia, per quemcunque. In cujus rei testimonium, sigillum nostrum præsentibus est appensum. Datum apud Walsingham, die Sancti Martini in

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Non-admissio resignationis vicariæ de Gaynesford'.

f. 114.

Formal rejection of the resignation by W. de Pykeryng of the vicarage of Gaynesford.

Christi fidelibus universis, præsentes literas inspecturis, Ricardus, permissione divina, Dunelmensis episcopus, salutem in omnium Salvatore. Noveritis quod, licet dilectus filius, magister Willelmus de Pykeryng', perpetuus vicarius ecclesiæ de Gaynesford', nostræ diœcesis, ab onere et cura vicariæ prædictæ exui cupiens, ex certis causis suum ad id animum excitantibus, eam in manus nostras sategerit resignare, nos, causas prædictas minus probabiles reputantes, ac ipsum ad ipsius vicariæ curam et regimen potentem et idoneum ex indiciis veracibus cognoscentes, et propterea nostrum assensum ad id minime præbere volentes, eundem ad resignationem hujusmodi non duximus admittendum. In cujus rei testimonium, sigillum nostrum præsentibus est appensum. Datum apud Rykehale, xxvij°. die Januarii, anno Domini etc. [M°.ccc^mo.] xiij°., et pontificatus nostri tertio.

Obligatio pro Stephano de Hoveden.

Defeasance of a bond given by five obligors for Stephen Cecile receiver of Hoveden.

Universis Christi fidelibus præsens scriptum inspecturis, Ricardus, permissione divina, Dunelmensis episcopus, salutem in Domino. Noveritis quod cum Robertus de Osgodby, Johannes de Clyff, Robertus de Hakethorp', Robertus de Babbethorp', et Johannes de Cayvyll', de Hoveden' et unusquisque eorum in solidum, nobis teneantur, per scriptum suum obligatorium, in ducentis libris sterlingorum, solvendis nobis ad Pascha proxime futurum, nos præfatis Roberto, Johanni, Roberto, Roberto et Johanni, et cuilibet eorum, concessimus, quod si Stephanus Cecile nuper receptor noster de Hoveden', compotum suum, in quo nobis tenetur, nobis reddat die Mercurii in die Cinerum proxime futuro, quod extunc prædictum scriptum obligatorium nullius penitus sit valoris, et eisdem Roberto et aliis, aut alicui illorum, sine dilatione

A.D. 1314. reddatur. In cujus rei testimonium, has literas nostras eis fieri fecimus patentes, sigillo nostro signatas. Datum apud Rykehale, die Mercurii proximo ante festum Purificationis beatæ Mariæ, anno Domini M°.ccc°. tertiodecimo, et pontificatus nostri tertio. An. Episc. 3.

Letter of attorney to deliver seisin of land on Alverton Moor to Sir Thomas de Colville.

Litera ad liberandum seisinam de terra domino Thomæ de Colvill'.

Universis Christi fidelibus pateat per præsentes, quod nos, Ricardus, permissione divina, Dunelmensis episcopus, constituimus dilectum nobis in Christo, Nicholaum de Lound', attornatum nostrum, ad liberandum [seisinam] dilecto et fideli nostro, domino Thomæ de Colvill', militi, quatuor acrarum terræ in mora de Alverton' communæ pasturæ, secundum quod in charta, quam eidem inde fecimus, plenius continetur. In cujus rei testimonium, has literas nostras fieri fecimus patentes, sigillo nostro signatas. Datum apud Rykehale, iiij°. die Februarii, anno Domini M°.ccc°. tertiodecimo, et pontificatus nostri tertio.

Bond of the bishop of Durham to the bishop of Carlisle for 120 *li.* borrowed of him for the purposes of the see of Durham.

Obligatio facta episcopo Karliolensi.

Pateat universis per præsentes, quod nos, Ricardus, permissione divina, Dunelmensis episcopus, fatemur nos teneri, et efficaciter obligari, venerabili patri, domino Johanni ,Dei gratia, episcopo Carliolensi in centum et viginti libris sterlingorum, quas ab eo mutuo recepimus, in pecunia numerata, pro quibusdam arduis et urgentibus negotiis, in utilitatem nostræ Dunelmensis ecclesiæ convertendas; solvendis eidem venerabili patri, vel suis executoribus, aut ipsius, vel eorum, attornato, præsentes literas deferenti, apud Dunelmum, in festo Paschæ a data præsentium proximo futuræ, sine ulteriori dilatione: ad cujus pecuniæ solutionem, obligamus nos, executores nostros, et ecclesiam nostram antedictam. In cujus rei testimonium, has literas nostras fieri fecimus patentes, sigilli nostri munimine roboratas. Datum apud Rykehale, vj°. die Februarii, anno Domini M°.ccc°. tertiodecimo, et pontificatus nostri tertio.

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Mandatum pro pecunia liberanda.

A.D. 1314. Mandate to the bishop's receiver of Hoveden to pay to the bailiff of Hoveden, for the bishop's use the moneys received from the ferms and rents of that place

Ricardus, permissione divina, Dunolmensis episcopus, dilecto filio, domino Hugoni de Lokington, receptori nostro de Hoveden', salutem et benedictionem. Ut, pro negotiis nostris, dilecto et fideli nostro Matthæo Dauney, ballivo nostro de Hoveden', quotiens te requisiverit, et id facere commode potueris, pecuniam de firmis et redditibus nostris de Hoveden' liberes atque tradas, ita tamen quod literas ipsius pecuniam receptam et liberatam habeas continentes, tibi, tenore præsentium, injungimus et mandamus. In cujus rei testimonium, has literas nostras tibi fieri, et nostro sigillo fecimus communiri. Datum apud Rychall', vj°. die Februarii, anno Domini millesimo ccc°. tertiodecimo, et pontificatus nostri tertio.

Acquietancia.

Acquittance to the receiver of Hoveden for moneys received from the ferms and rents of Hovedenshire.

Universis pateat per præsentes, quod nos, Ricardus, permissione divina, Dunolmensis episcopus, recepimus de domino Hugone de Lokington', receptore nostro de Hoveden', triginta libras et decem solidos de firmis et exitibus de Hovedenshire. Datum apud Richale, vij. die Februarii, anno Domini millesimo ccc°.xiij°., et pontificatus nostri tertio.

Memorandum.—

Memorandum of an indulgence of 40 days, for the soul of Margaret, widow of James le Flemyng, of York.

Quod ix°. die Februarii, anno Domini M°.ccc°. tertiodecimo, concessit dominus xl. dies veniæ pro anima Margaretæ, quæ fuit uxor Jacoby le Flemyng', de Eboraco, et pro animabus omnium fidelium etc.

Commissio super compoto Stephani de Cicile de Hoveden' audiendo.

f. 114 b. Commission to audit the accounts of Stephen Cecile, the late receiver of Hoveden.

Ricardus, permissione divina, Dunelmensis episcopus, dilectis et fidelibus suis, dominis Adæ de Midelton', Thomæ de Fyssheburn', Roberto de Brompton', Radulpho de Eyton', et Hugoni de Lokington, salutem, gratiam et benedictionem. Ad audiendum compotum et rationes Stephani Cecile de Hoveden', de tempore

A.D. 1314. quo minister et receptor noster de Hoveden' extitit, An. Episc. 3.
de omnibus exitibus, receptis et liberatis per eundem, et ad faciendum eidem debitam et rationabilem allocationem, et ad recipiendum ab eodem pecuniam pro arreragiis, si contingat ipsum oneratum in aliqua remanere, et ad faciendum eidem literas acquietanciæ de solutis, et ad omnia alia efficaciter adimplendum, quæ dicto compoto audiendo necessaria fuerint, et etiam opportuna; vobis, de quorum industria fiduciam in Domino gerimus et habemus, plenam, tenore præsentium, damus et concedimus potestatem. Ita tamen, quod si vos omnes præmissis faciendis nequiveritis interesse, quatuor, tres, aut duo, vestrum, qui præsentes intererunt, dictum compotum in forma audiant supradicta. In cujus rei testimonium, præsentes literas vobis fieri fecimus patentes, sigillo nostro signatas. Datum apud Rykehale, ix°. die Februarii, anno Domini millesimo ccc°. tertiodecimo, et pontificatus nostri tertio.

Signification of pardon granted to Nicholas de Crayk relative to trespasses committed in the park of Stanhop, and elsewhere.

Commissio Nicholai de Crayk' de transgressionibus factis in parcis.

Ricardus, permissione divina, Dunelmensis episcopus, omnibus ballivis, ministris, et fidelibus suis, salutem in omnium Salvatore. Cum Nicholao de Crayk', coram nobis personaliter constituto, omnes transgressiones in parcis nostris de Stanhop' et aliis, per eundem factas et illatas hucusque, ipso ad hoc instante, reatum suum cognoscente, et veniam humiliter postulante, remiserimus gratiose, vobis mandamus, quatenus eidem in persona vel rebus, occasione dictarum transgressionum quodvis inferre damnum, aliquamve molestiam, præsumatis de cætero nullatenus irrogare. Valete. Datum apud Rykehale, ix. die Februarii, anno Domini M°.ccc°. tertiodecimo, et pontificatus nostri tertio.

Memorandum of an indulgence of 40 days to those contributing to the making or repair of the causeway between Brotherton and Ferybrig'.

Memorandum.— Quod xj°. die Februarii, anno Domini M°.ccc°. tertiodecimo, concessit dominus xl. dies veniæ, pro fabrica, vel reparatione, calceti inter Brotherton' et Ferybrig'.

An. Episc. 3. Memorandum.— Quod xj°. die Februarii, anno supradicto, concessit dominus xl. dies veniæ pro anima Ricardi de Steresthorp', et pro animabus etc.

A.D. 1314. Memorandum of an indulgence of 40 days for the soul of Richard de Steresthorp.

Indulgentia pro fabrica vel reparatione calceti. Universis etc. Mentes fidelium ad pietatis opera credentes eo promptius assurgere, quo per indulgentiarum munera ampliora fuerint salubrius excitatæ, de omnipotentis Dei misericordia, gloriosæ Virginis matris ejus, beatorum Petri et Pauli, ac sanctissimi confessoris Cuthberti, patroni nostri, et omnium sanctorum, meritis et precibus confidentes, omnibus parochianis nostris, et alienis, quorum diœcesani ratam habuerint, et acceptam, de peccatis suis vere pœnitentibus et confessis, qui ad fabricam seu reparationem calceti inter Brotherton' et Feribrig', ubi frequens habetur populi transitus, aliqua contulerint subsidia caritatis, aut labore corporali illud sustinuerint, vel ad sustentandum juverint congruenter, xl. dies de injuncta sibi pœnitentia, etc. In cujus rei etc.

Indulgence of 40 days for contributing towards the making or repair of the causeway between Brotherton et Feribrig'.

Quod residentiariis in ecclesia de Cestr' sunt certi fructus deputati. Ricardus, permissione divina, Dunelmensis episcopus, dilecto in Christo filio magistro Roberto de Baldok', canonico et præbendario ecclesiæ præbendalis de Cestr', nostræ diœcesis, salutem, gratiam et benedictionem. Cum in ecclesia de Cestr' prædicta, in qua certus est canonicorum et præbendariorum numerus distinctus et ordinatus, ab antiquo, et commune residentium canonicorum ejusdem ecclesiæ, qui per tres menses in anno in ipsa ecclesia resederint, certi sunt ejusdem ecclesiæ fructus deputati, tu, dictæ ecclesiæ canonicus, qui in dicta ecclesia, in qua nullus unquam canonicus præter te resedit, tempore bonæ memoriæ Antonii, prædecessoris nostri immediati, residentiam feceras personalem, et ob hoc fructus, prout tibi debebantur, perceperas antedictos, per tempus in dictæ ecclesiæ ordinatione limi-

Provision made for Robert de Baldok, canon residentiary of the prebendal church of Chester [le Strete].

A.D. 1314. tatum, residere proponas, quod et protestatus es coram nobis, et ob hoc ad partes illas arripis tuum iter; nos, volentes dictam ordinationem inviolabiliter per omnia servari, quam omnibus et singulis nostris subditis et ministris districte præcipimus, et injungimus, firmiter observandam, considerantes, cum Apostolo,[1] laborantem agricolam de fructibus ejus prius suscipere debere, fructus et proventus dictæ ecclesiæ supradictos, commune residentium deputatos, ob tuæ residentiæ meritum, secundum tenorem et formam ordinationis super hoc editæ, ob tuæ residentiæ et laboris meritum, te plene ac libere percipere volumus, et habere, et non per nos vel nostros subditos, aut alium quemcunque, tibi in hiis, vel circa ea, impedimentum aliquod inferri, seu gravamen. Et nihilominus, nostris officialibus et sequestratori, distincte præcipiendo, mandamus, quatenus te eosdem fructus libere percipere, ac de ipsis disponere, permittant; facientes tibi de ipsis fructibus et pecuniarum quantitatibus, si quæ debentur ex ipsis, vel pro eis, pro autumno ultimo præterito, ab ipsorum fructuum detentoribus et debitoribus plene responderi; sequestro in hujusmodi fructibus, nostra auctoritate alias interposito, quod exnunc relaxamus per præsentes, non obstante. In quorum testimonium, præsentibus literis nostris, quas penes te volumus remanere, sigillum nostrum est appensum. Datum apud Kylpesham, xvij°. die Februarii, anno Domini M°.ccc°. tertiodecimo, et pontificatus nostri tertio. An. Episc. 3.

f. 115. Letter in favour of the said Robert de Baldok, canon and prebendary of Chester [le Strete].

Litera directa Johanni de Pollowe pro magistro Roberto de Baldok'.

Ricardus, permissione divina, Dunolmensis episcopus, dilecto in Christo filio, Johanni de Pollowe, sequestratori nostro generali, salutem etc. Cum dilectus filius, magister Robertus de Baldok', canonicus et præbendarius in ecclesia de Cestr', nostræ diœcesis, in ipsa ecclesia, in qua alias resedit, per tempus limitatum in ea residere proponat, prout idem coram nobis est

[1] *Apostolo*] 2 Timothy, ch. ii. v. 6.

An. Episc. 3. publice protestatus, ob quod fructus, commune residentium canonicorum in eadem ecclesia deputati, sibi, ex antiqua ejusdem ecclesiæ ordinatione, merito debentur, nosque, ob hoc, dictam ordinationem sequentes, sequestrum in ipsis fructibus, per nos et nostra auctoritate interpositum, per quemcumque, ut de ipsis sibi respondeatur, et in suos usus convertere possit eosdem, duxerimus relaxandum; tibi mandamus, quatenus eundem magistrum Robertum hujusmodi fructibus libere gaudere permittas, faciens sibi de ipsis de autumno proximo præterito integre responderi, sequestro non obstante prædicto. Datum apud Kilpesham, xvij°. die Februarii, pontificatus nostri tertio. A.D. 1314.

Litera directa officiali Dunolmensi pro eodem.

Letter to the official of Durham in favour of Robert de Baldok, rector of the church of Quicham.

Ricardus, permissione divina, Dunolmensis episcopus, dilecto in Christo filio, . . . officiali nostro Dunolmensi, salutem, gratiam et benedictionem. Ex querela dilecti in Christo filii magistri Roberti de Baldok', rectoris ecclesiæ de Quicham, nostræ diœcesis, accepimus quod literæ executoriæ pro eo, super restitutione dictæ ecclesiæ de Quicham, et damnorum sibi illatorum refusione, nobis et vobis, auctoritate apostolica, demandatæ, nondum ad plenum suum debitum sortitæ sunt effectum, præsertim quoad nonnulla jura parochialia, de quibus nonnulli parochiani ipsius ecclesiæ sibi, ut vero ejusdem ecclesiæ rectori, non respondent, ut deberent, et prout in eisdem literis executoriis demandatur. Quocirca vobis mandamus, in virtute obedientiæ qua dictæ sedi a nobis indubitanter estis astricti, et sub pœnis in præfatis literis executoriis contentis, quatenus mandatum apostolicum supradictum, quoad prædicta omnia alia et singula in eo contenta, executioni debitæ celeriter, et cum effectu, demandare curetis. In cujus rei testimonium, has literas nostras vobis mittimus patentes, sigillo nostro patente communitas. Datum apud Kilpesham, xvij°. die Februarii Anno Domini etc. [M°.ccc°.] xiij°., et pontificatus nostri tertio.

A.D. 1314. Letters dimissory for Robert de Roye, to take priest's orders.

Memorandum.— Memorandum quod iiij°. kal. Martii, anno Domini M°.ccc°. tertiodecimo, Robertus de Roye habuit literas suas dimissorias ad ordinem presbyteratus, quem tunc non susceperat. An. Episc. 3.

Grant of an annual pension to John de Hothom, until he shall have been provided with a competent ecclesiastical benefice.

Pensio. Ricardus, permissione divina, Dunelmensis episcopus, dilecto clerico, domino Johanni de Hothom, salutem, gratiam et benedictionem. Cum erga Dunelmensem ecclesiam et nostram personam, a tempore regiminis ejusdem nobis commissi, potius ex innatæ benevolentiæ plenitudine, quam nostrorum exigentia meritorum, voluntatem gesseris amplissimam, sicut pluries ostendisti veracibus documentis, non censemus rationi dissonum, si taliter te facultatibus ejusdem ecclesiæ sentias honoratum, quo te gaudeas eidem retroactis temporibus benevolentiam impendisse, et ad id in futurum fortius alligeris. Pro tuæ igitur devotionis obsequio gratissimo, nobis et dictæ ecclesiæ nostræ Dunolmensi hucusque impenso, et in posterum efficaciter impendendo, unam annuam pensionem viginti marcarum, de nobis annis singulis, ad duos terminos, videlicet, Pentecostes et Sancti Martini in hieme, æqualiter percipiendarum, usquequo tibi per nos de competenti beneficio ecclesiastico uberius provisum fuerit, duximus concedendam. In cujus rei testimonium, has literas nostras tibi fieri fecimus patentes, sigillo nostro signatas. Datum apud Totenham, xxvj°. die Februarii, anno Domini M°.ccc°. tertiodecimo, et pontificatus nostri tertio.

Release of the sequestration of the fruits of the church of Wermuth.

Relaxatio sequestri de fructibus ecclesiæ de Wermuth'. Ricardus, etc., dilectis filiis, . . officiali et sequestratori nostris Dunolmensibus, salutem etc. Cum dilectum filium, dominum Johannem de Orreby, rectorem ecclesiæ de Wermuth', nostræ diœcesis, circa prosecutionem quorundam negotiorum, coram baronibus de Scaccario domini nostri regis Angliæ illustris, adeo intellexerimus necessario occupari, quod in dicta ecclesia sua residere

An. Episc. 3. nequiverit personaliter, priusquam de ipsis negotiis exitum expectaverit pleniorem, volentesque propterea eidem in hac parte gratiam facere specialem; vobis mandamus quatenus, si in bonis dictæ ecclesiæ, ratione non-residentiæ rectoris præfati, auctoritate nostra, sequestrum fecistis hactenus interponi, ipsum curetis usque ad mensem Paschæ proximo futuræ, sub præsentium testimonio relaxare, permittentes eidem, vel procuratori suo, de fructibus et proventibus ipsius ecclesiæ a quibuscunque interim responderi. Valete. Datum apud Stebbenhyth', prope London', xxvij. die Februarii, pontificatus nostri anno tertio. A.D. 1314.

Petitio Radulphi le Maceoun et Emmæ, uxoris ejus.

f. 115 b. Petition of Ralph le Maceon and Emma, his wife (daughter and heir of Robert Scot), relative to lands in Seggefeld.

Radulphus le Maceon et Emma, uxor ejus, monstraverunt domino episcopo, per petitionem suam, quod Robertus Scot' pater prædictæ Emmæ, cujus hæres ipsa est, fuit seisitus in dominico suo, ut de feodo, die quo obiit, de uno messuagio et septem acris terræ, cum pertinentiis, in Seggefeld', quæ prædictus episcopus tenet; et petunt justitiam inde sibi fieri. Et prædictus episcopus, volens super jure prædictæ Emmæ de prædictis tenementis certiorari, per sacramentum proborum et legalium hominum de visneto de Seggefeld', per quos rei veritas melius sciri poterit et inquiri, liberavit petitionem prædictam Willelmo de Denum' ut inquisitionem inde fieri faceret, per sacramentum proborum et legalium hominum, etc.; et quid inde inveniret constare faceret ei, sub sigillo suo etc. Ita quod prædictus Willelmus, die Lunæ proxima post Octabas Purificationis Sanctæ Mariæ, anno ejusdem episcopi tertio, apud Dunelmum, associatis sibi domino Hugone de Louthre, Thomæ de Fyssheburn', et Ada de Boghes, cepit inquisitionem prædictam, per sacramentum Rogeri de Fulthorp', Petri de Herdewyk', Willelmi filii ejus, Rogeri de Claxton', Walteri de Bisshopton', Roberti filii Lucæ de Norton', Johannis de Thorp', Johannis de Clifford', Willelmi Ward' de Laton', Ricardi de More-

A.D. 1314. ton', Roberti Ayre, et Johannis Makepayse: qui dicunt super sacramentum suum, quod quidam Philippus, quondam episcopus Dunelmensis, feoffavit quemdam Siwardum Scot', proavum prædictæ Emmæ, cujus hæres ipsa est, de prædicto messuagio et sexaginta acris terræ, cum pertinentiis, in Seggefeld, unde prædictæ septem acræ sunt pars, tenendis sibi et hæredibus suis, de prædicto episcopo et successoribus suis, reddendo inde quinque solidos per annum etc.: qui inde obiit seisitus etc. Post cujus mortem etc., quidam Michael Scot', filius et hæres prædicti Siwardi, intravit omnia tenementa prædicta, et, retentis sibi prædictis messuagio et septem acris terræ, alienavit omnia alia tenementa prædicta, tenenda libere [et] quiete, absque aliquo servitio prædicto episcopo inde faciendo; et ad hoc obligavit se et hæredes suos ad warantiam, et ad acquietanciam etc. Et reddidit prædictos quinque solidos pro tenementis prædictis per aliquod tempus; ita quod, postea, per impotentiam prædicti Michaelis, prædicta tenementa jacuerunt frisca, et prædictus redditus quinque solidorum a retro fuit, nec inveniebatur districtio in prædictis messuagio et septem acris terræ, pro prædicto redditu. Per quod quidam Nicholaus, tunc episcopus Dunelmensis, seisivit prædicta tenementa in manum suam, per quemdam Petrum de Midelham, ballivum suum etc., et seisinam suam tota vita sua continuavit; et quod omnes successores sui prædicta tenementa, in forma prædicta, hucusque tenuerunt. Absque hoc, quod prædictus Robertus, pater prædictæ Emmæ etc., aliquo tempore fuit seisitus de prædictis tenementis, prout prædicti Radulphus et Emma, per petitionem suam, supponunt etc. Quæsiti etiam si in prædictis tenementis, per præfatum Michaelem alienatis, inveniebatur sufficiens districtio pro prædicto redditu quinque solidorum, tempore quo præfatus Nicholaus episcopus etc. prædicta messuagia et septem acras terræ, pro prædicto redditu a retro existente, seisivit, dicunt quod sic. An. Episc.

An. Episc. 3. Litera pro Radulpho le Macon' et Emma uxore ejus.

A.D. 1314. Letter in favour of Ralph le Macoon and Emma his wife relative to lands in Seggefeld.

Ricardus, permissione divina, Dunelmensis episcopus, dilecto et fideli suo, Willelmo de Denum, salutem, gratiam et benedictionem. Porrecta nobis nuper petitione quadam per Radulphum le Macoon et Emmam, uxorem ejus, super uno messuagio et septem acris terræ, cum pertinentiis, in Seggefeld', quæ prædecessores nostri et nos aliquandiu tenuimus, de quibus dicunt Robertum Scot', patrem prædictæ Emmæ, cujus hæres ipsa est, fuisse seisitum [ut] de feodo suo, die quo obiit, voluimus super jure suo fieri certiores, et ideo vobis mandavimus quod inquisitionem inde fieri per legales et probos homines faceretis, facturi nobis constare quid in hac parte contingeret reperiri. Inspecta itaque inquisitione super hoc facta, et nobis per vos missa, comperimus evidenter quod dicta messuagium et septem acræ terræ præfatæ Emmæ jure hæreditario pertineant, et debeant pertinere; licet petitio eorundem Radulphi et Emmæ asserat Robertum Scot', patrem ejusdem Emmæ, de dictis messuagio et septem acris terræ obiisse seisitum, cum revera sic non fuerat, sicut in inquisitione videtur manifestius contineri. Unde cum, requisito super hoc justiciarii, quorundam et aliorum discretorum quamplurium, consilio, accepimus evidenter præfatam Emmam, propter vitium, seu defectum, in ipsa petitione contentum, ab assecutione et jure dictorum messuagii et terræ excludi non debere; vobis præcipimus et mandamus quatenus, non obstante defectu præfato in dicta petitione contento, prædictam Emmam dicta messuagium et vij. acras terræ, cum pertinentiis, tenenda de nobis et successoribus nostris per servitia inde debita et consueta, sine quovis impedimento, permittatis libere ingredi et habere. Valete. Datum apud Stebbenyth', ij°. die Martii, pontificatus nostri anno tertio.

Memorandum.—

Quod iij^to^. die Martii concessit dominus literas dimissorias Roberto de Bywell', Letters dimissory for Robert de

A.D. 1314. Bywell to receive all orders.

clerico, ad omnes ordines. Datum apud Stebbenhith', iij. die Martii, anno Domini millesimo cccxiij. et pontificatus sui tertio; cum illa clausula, "Dum tamen "sufficientem titulum exhibeat," etc. An. Episc. 3.

Indulgence of 40 days for the souls of Sir John de Lascy and John Lovet of Ryston.

Memorandum.— Quod iij°. die Martii anno Domini M°.ccc°.xiij°. concessit dominus xl. dies veniæ, pro animabus Johannis de Lascy militis, et Johannis Lovet', de Ryston, et animabus omnium fidelium etc.

The like for the souls of Robert le Graunger of Ryssheton and Isabella his wife.

Item, eisdem die et anno, concessit xl. dies veniæ pro animabus Rogeri le Graunger', de Ryssheton', et Isabellæ, uxoris suæ, et pro animabus omnium etc.

The like for the soul of Walter de Gloucester, formerly archdeacon of York.

Item, eisdem die et anno, concessit xl. dies veniæ pro animabus magistri Walteri de Gloucestr', quondam archidiaconi Eboracensis, etc.

Mandate to the abbot of St. Mary's in York to deliver up moneys which he has in his custody to the merchants of the Society of the Peruchi, of Florence.

Litera missa abbati Beatæ Mariæ Eboracensis pro pecunia liberanda.

Venerando, religioso viro, et amico suo in Christo carissimo, domino A., Dei gratia, abbati Beatæ Mariæ Eboracensis, Ricardus, permissione divina, Dunelmensis episcopus, salutem, cum benedictione etc. De custodia ducentarum sexaginta et sex librarum tresdecim solidorum et quatuor denariorum, quas penes vos deposuimus nuper, vobis grates et gratias referentes supplicamus quatenus dictas cclxvj. *li.* xiij. *s.* iiij. *d.* Johanni Juncti et sociis suis, mercatoribus de societate Perucheorum, de Florentia, quos attornatos nostros ad recipiendum pecuniam hujusmodi, per se, vel alium suo nomine, facimus per præsentes, vel attornato suo in hac parte, literas suas
f. 116 super hoc, et literas vestras testimoniales, nobis factas de deposito hujusmodi, ac literam nostram obligatoriam, quam eisdem mercatoribus fecimus de pecunia memorata, vobis deferenti et liberanti, sine moræ dispendio liberetis, literas nostras obligatorias hujusmodi, cum eas receperitis, cancellantes. Bene valete. Datum apud Stebbenyth', juxta London', iiij°. die Martii, anno

An. Episc. 3. Domini millesimo trecentesimo tertiodecimo, et pontificatus nostri tertio. A.D. 1314.

Litera missa Johanni Juncti.

Letter to John Juncti, merchant of the Society of the Peruchi to receive certain moneys from the abbot of St. Mary's in York.

Ricardus, permissione divina, Dunelmensis episcopus, dilecto in Christo amico suo, Johanni Juncti, mercatori de societate Perucheorum de Florentia, salutem, gratiam et benedictionem. De affectione quam erga nos geritis, et pecunia nobis per vos mutuata, vobis grates et gratias referimus speciales; scituris quod scribimus domino abbati Eboracensi, quod illas quadringentas marcas quas a nobis recepit in deposito, de quibus vobis mittimus suam literam patentem testimonialem, super vobis, vel attornato vestro, literas vestras eidem abbati super hoc et dictas literas abbatis, ac literas nostras obligatorias, deferenti, quas vobis fecimus de pecunia memorata, liberet absque mora; quas quidem literas dicti abbatis et nostras obligatorias [quas] vobis mittimus, cum præsentium portitore, eidem domino abbati, pro pecunia memorata recipienda, ad vestrum beneplacitum, transmittatis, quia pecunia ibi parata est, nec deficiatis, cum pro ea duxeritis demandandum. Valete. Datum apud Derteford', v°. die Marcii.

Obligatio facta domino episcopo.

Bond or obligation, of John Juncti to the bishop of Durham for 340 marks sterling lent to him.

Noverint universi, quod ego Johannes Juncti, mercator de societate Perucheorum de Florentia, teneor, nomine meo, et societatis meæ prædictæ, venerabili in Christo patri, domino Ricardo, Dei gratia, Dunelmensi episcopo, in trecentis et quadraginta marcis sterlingorum, ex causa mutui, solvendis eidem domino episcopo, ad suum beneplacitum, vel attornato suo apud London', cum ex parte dicti domini episcopi, ego, vel socii mei, super hoc fuerimus requisiti. In cujus rei testimonium, præsentibus sigillum meum apposui. Datum apud London', iiij°. die Martii, anno Domini M°.ccc°.xiij°.

Obligatio.

Bond of the bishop of Durham to

Noverint universi, quod nos, Ricardus, permissione divina, Dunelmensis episcopus, tene-

A.D. 1314. John Juncti for 400 marks.

mur Johanni Juncti et sociis suis, mercatoribus de societate Perucheorum de Florentia, in quadringentis marcis sterlingorum, ex causa mutui, solvendis eisdem vel attornato suo has literas deferenti apud Eboracum in abbatia monasterii Beatæ Mariæ Eboracensis, ad voluntatem eorundem. Ad quod fideliter faciendum obligamus nos, et ecclesiam nostram Dunelmensem, et omnia bona nostra, ecclesiastica et mundana. In cujus rei testimonium, sigillum nostrum præsentibus est appensum. Datum apud Stebenhith' juxta London', iiij^to. die Martii, anno Domini millesimo ccc°. tertiodecimo, et pontificatus nostri tertio. An. Episc. 3.

Letter of acquittance to John Juncti for 100 marks.

Litera acquietanciæ.

Christi fidelibus universis pateat per præsentes, quod nos, Ricardus, permissione divina, Dunelmensis episcopus, fatemur nos recepisse et habuisse a Johanne Juncti, et sociis suis, mercatoribus de societate Perucheorum de Florentia, per manus Roberti Tymparon, clerici, nuncii et attornati nostri, centum marcas sterlingorum, in partem solutionis trecentarum et quadraginta marcarum, in quibus dicti Johannes et socii sui nobis, ex causa mutui, per suas literas obligantur, ipsos de dictis centum marcis quietos totaliter facientes. In cujus rei testimonium, sigillum nostrum præsentibus est appensum. Datum apud Grenewiche, viij°. die Martii, anno Domini M°.ccc°. tertiodecimo, et pontificatus nostri tertio.

Commission to receive moneys from John Juncti due to the bishop of Durham.

Commissio ad recipiendum pecuniam.

Universis Christi fidelibus pateat per præsentes, quod nos, Ricardus, permissione divina, Dunolmensis episcopus, fecimus et constituimus dilectum nobis in Christo, Robertum de Tymparon', clericum nostrum attornatum et nuncium specialem, ad petendum et recipiendum, pro nobis et nomine nostro de Johanne Juncti et sociis suis, mercatoribus de Societate Perucheorum de Florentia, ccxl. marcas, in partem solutionis cccxl. marcarum sterlingorum, in quibus nobis,

An. Episc. 3. prout per literas suas obligatorias apparet, pro nostro beneplacito solvendis, dictus Johannes et sui socii, ex causa mutui, obligantur. In cujus rei testimonium, sigillum nostrum præsentibus est appensum. Datum apud Grenewych', x. die Martii, anno Domini millesimo cccxiij°., et pontificatus nostri tertio. A.D. 131 4.

Obligatio facta Johanni Vanne.[1] Christi fidelibus pateat universis, quod nos, Ricardus, permissione divina, Dunolmensis episcopus, fatemur nos teneri, et efficaciter obligari, Johanni Vanne et sociis suis mercatoribus de societate Ballardorum, in centum marcis bonorum et legalium sterlingorum, quas ab eis recepimus, ex causa mutui, in utilitatem nostræ Dunolmensis ecclesiæ convertendas; solvendis eisdem mercatoribus, aut alicui eorum, vel eorundem certo nuncio, seu attornato, in festo Paschæ, anno Domini millesimo ccc°.xiiij°., sine ulteriore dilatione. Ad cujus pecuniæ solutionem obligamus nos, et ecclesiam nostram Dunolmensem prædictam, et omnia bona nostra, ecclesiastica et mundana. In cujus rei testimonium, sigillum nostrum præsentibus est appensum. Datum apud London', xij. die Martii, anno Domini millesimo ccc°. xiij°., et pontificatus nostri tertio. Obligation made to John Vanne by the bishop of Durham, for moneys lent.

Obligatio.[2] Item, alia obligatio facta fuit Roberto Persone, pellipario, civi Londoniensi, de centum libris, eodem die, et solvendis eodem termino. f. 116 b. Obligation to Robert Persone, pelliper of London.

Obligatio.[2] Item, alia obligatio facta fuit Willelmo de Furneys, apothecario,[3] civi Londoniensi, de sexaginta libris, eodem die, et solvendis eodem termino. The like for William de Furneys apothecary of Loudon.

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[1] This entry is cancelled, and "*solvitur*" written in the margin.

[2] These two entries are cancelled, and "*soluta*" is written in the margin.

[3] *apothecario*] ypotecario, MS.

A.D. 1314. Memorandum of letters to release the sequestration of the fruits of the church of Wessington.

Memorandum.— Quod xvj°. die Martii, anno Domini millesimo ccc°.xiij°., emanavit quædam litera, apud Walworth, juxta London', ad relaxandum sequestrum in fructibus ecclesiæ de Wessington'. An. Episc. 3.

Memorandum of indulgence of 40 days for the soul of Henry le Waleys, formerly mayor of London.

Memorandum.— Quod eodem die concessit dominus ibidem quadraginta dies veniæ, pro anima Henrici le Waleys, quondam civis et majoris Londoniensis.

Resignation of a prebend in the collegiate church of St. Andrew of Aukeland.

Resignatio præbendæ in ecclesia de Aukland'.

Venerabili in Christo patri et domino, domino Ricardo, Dei gratia, Dunolmensi episcopo, suus devotus clericus, Galfridus de Stokes, omnimodam reverentiam tanto patri debitam, et honorem. Canonicatum et præbendam quos habeo in ecclesia collegiata Sancti Andreæ de Aukeland', vestræ diœcesis, in sacras manus vestras pure, sponte, et absolute, resigno per præsentes literas, sigilli mei munimine roboratas. Datum London, die Veneris proximo post festum Purificationis Beatæ Mariæ, anno Domini millesimo ccc°. tertiodecimo.

The same resignation, under the hand of a notary public.

Eadem resignatio sub manu publica.

In nomine Domini, Amen. Anno Ejusdem, secundum cursum Ecclesiæ Anglicanæ, millesimo trecentesimo tertiodecimo, Indictione duodecima, mensis Februarii die decimo, constitutus personaliter in mei, Johannis, notarii publici, et testium subscriptorum, præsentia, reverendus vir, dominus Galfridus de Stokes, clericus, asserens se canonicum et præbendarium in ecclesia collegiata Sancti Andreæ de Aukeland', Dunolmensis diœcesis, canonicatum suum et præbendam suam prædictos in scriptis resignavit, sub hac forma:—Venerabili etc. *ut supra*, omnique juri mihi in eisdem, vel ad eosdem, competenti, et competituro renuncio in hiis scriptis. Acta sunt hæc quæ supra dixi, in ecclesia Fratrum Prædicatorum, apud London, anno, Indictione, die, et mense

An. Episc. 3. suprascriptis; præsentibus, reverendo viro, domino Ada de Lymbergh', canonico ecclesiæ Dublinensis, dominis Rogero de Shefeld' et Johanne de Carleton', clericis, testibus ad præmissa vocatis specialiter, et rogatis. Et ego Johannes de Slymdona, Coventrensis et Lychfeldensis diœcesis, publicus, apostolica at imperiali auctoritate, notarius, præmissis omnibus et singulis, ut supra dixi, cum dictis testibus præsens interfui, eaque sic fieri vidi et audivi, ac etiam scripsi et publicavi, meoque signo consueto signavi, a præfato domino Galfrido de Stokes specialiter rogatus. A.D. 1314.

Collatio præbendæ de Aukeland. Collation to a prebend in the church of Aukeland

Ricardus, permissione divina, Dunolmensis episcopus, dilecto filio, domino Roberto de Lincoln', clerico, salutem, gratiam et benedictionem. Virtutum studiis quibus vigilanter insistis, famæ decorem laudabilis consecutus, adeo juvaris efficacium suffragio meritorum, intimumque zelum et fervidam devotionem ad cultum habens divinum, mentem et actus tuos sic dirigis ad quæque salubria et congruentia honestati, quod dignum reputamus personam tuam affectu paterno prosequi, et specialis favoris gratia prævenire. Tibi igitur canonicatum et præbendam in ecclesia de Aukeland', nostræ diœcesis, per resignationem domini Galfridi de Stokes, vacantes, et ad nostram collationem pleno jure spectantes, cum universis juribus et pertinentiis suis, conferimus, intuitu caritatis, teque de eisdem per nostrum annulum investimus, ita tamen, quod onera eisdem incumbentia sustineas et supportes. In cujus rei testimonium, has literas nostras tibi fieri, et sigilli nostri fecimus munimine roborari. Datum apud Walworth' juxta London', xvij°. die Martii, anno Domini millesimo ccc°. tertiodecimo, et pontificatus nostri tertio.

Memorandum.— Memorandum of a mandate to the archdeacon of Durham to

Quod eodem die mandatum fuit domino archidiacono Dunelmensi, vel ejus officiali, quod ipsum induceret in corporalem posses-

A.D. 1314. Induct into the said prebend.

sionem dictorum canonicatus et præbendæ, vel procuratorem suum, ejus nomine. An. Episc. 3.

Collation to a prebend in the collegiate church of Norton.

Collatio Jacobi de Avisio ad unam præbendam de Norton'.

Ricardus, permissione divina, Dunolmensis episcopus, dilecto filio, domino Jacobo de Avisio, salutem, gratiam et benedictionem. Virtutum studiis quibus vigilanter insistis, famæ decorem laudabilis consecutus, adeo juvaris efficacium suffragio meritorum, quod dignum reputamus personam tuam affectu paterno prosequi, et specialis favoris gratia prævenire. Tibi igitur canonicatum et præbendam in ecclesia collegiata de Norton', nostræ diœcesis, per resignationem Johannis filii Johannis Vanne, vacantes, et ad nostram collationem pleno jure spectantes, cum universis juribus et pertinentiis suis, conferimus, intuitu caritatis, teque de eisdem per annulum nostrum investimus. Ita tamen, quod onera eisdem incumbentia sustineas et supportes. In cujus rei testimonium etc.—*ut supra collatione proxima.* Datum apud Walworth' juxta London', xxiij°. die Martii, anno Domini millesimo cccxiij°. et pontificatus nostri tertio.'

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f. 118. Memorandum of an order for delivery of 11*l.* to William de Horneby, which the bishop owes him.

Memorandum.—

Quod xx°. die Aprilis, anno Domini millesimo ccc°.xiiij°., apud Alverton', emanavit quædam litera, ex præcepto domini, domino Roberto de Brompton', receptori Dunolmensi, quod liberaret Willelmo de Horneby undecim libras, in quibus dominus ei tenebatur.

Memorandum of an order to pay 4*l.* 6*s.* 8*d.* for tenths of the church of Ford.

Memorandum.—

Quod xxij°. die Aprilis, apud Dunelmum, eodem anno, mandatum fuit eidem domino Roberto, quod solveret quatuor libras, vj. *s.* viij. *d.* pro ecclesia de Ford', de decima sexannali.

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An. Episc. 3. Licentia rectoris de Seham adeundi Scholas. A.D. 1314. Licence to the rector of Seham to absent himself and attend the Schools.

Ricardus, permissione divina, Dunolmensis episcopus, dilecto filio, domino Eliæ rectori ecclesiæ de Seham, nostræ diœcesis, salutem, gratiam et benedictionem. Honestis votis eorum qui studendo proficere adeo ferventem concipiunt voluntatem, quod processu temporis sibi possit doctrina ad vitæ cedere meritum, et aliis ad exemplum fructuosum grato concurrimus assensu, et ipsis ad hoc libenter favoris et gratiæ præsidium impertimur. Tuis igitur precibus pronum animum exhibentes, ut, in aliquo loco ubi viget Generale Studium, circa clericalis militiæ exercitium insistere valeas, ut affectas, a die confectionis præsentium usque in biennium revolutum, ita quod interim ad personalem in ecclesia tua residentiam minime tenearis, tecum juxta formam Constitutionis super hoc editæ, dispensamus, et gratiosam licentiam indulgemus. Proviso quod ecclesia prædicta interim debitis non fraudetur obsequiis, et animarum cura non negligatur, sed eidem deserviatur in omnibus laudabiliter et honeste. In cujus rei testimonium, has literas nostras tibi fieri, et nostro sigillo fecimus communiri. Datum apud Offington', vij°. die Aprilis, anno Domini millesimo ccc°.xiiij°., et pontificatus nostri tertio.

Acquietancia receptori de Alverton'. Acquittance to the receiver of Alverton.

Pateat universis per præsentes, quod nos, Ricardus, permissione divina, Dunolmensis episcopus, recepimus de domino Alano, capellano, receptore de Alverton', de exitibus ejusdem, quinquaginta et quinque libras sterlingorum. In cujus rei testimonium, has literas nostras eidem inde fieri fecimus patentes. Datum apud Alverton', xxij. die Aprilis, anno Domini millesimo ccc°. quartodecimo, et pontificatus nostri tertio.

Absolutio vicarii de Kellawe. Absolution granted to the vicar of Kellawe.

Ricardus, permissione divina, Dunolmensis episcopus, dilecto filio, domino Thomæ, vicario ecclesiæ de Kellawe, salutem, gratiam et bene-

A.D. 1314. dictionem. A sententia excommunicationis, quam, in non solvendo xxij. denarios et obolum pro procurationibus venerabilis patris, domini Arnaldi, Dei gratia, sedis apostolicæ cardinalis, et ejusdem in Anglia nuncii, vicariam tuam contingentes, incurristi, te, coram nobis personaliter constitutum, et beneficium absolutionis humiliter petentem, auctoritate dicti domini cardinalis nobis in hac parte commissa, absolvimus per præsentes. Datum apud Middelham, xxiij°. die Aprilis, anno Domini millesimo ccc°.xiiij°., et pontificatus nostri tertio. An. Episc. 3

Absolution by William de Balaeto, the pope's nuncio, for arrears of tenths.

Absolutio domini pro arreragiis decimæ sexennialis.

Universis sanctæ matris ecclesiæ filiis, præsentes literas inspecturis, . . . officialis Lincolniensis salutem in Domino. Noveritis nos literas magistri Guillelmi de Balaeto, archidiaconi Forojuliensis, domini papæ capellani, et ejusdem in Anglia nuncii, quinto id. Aprilis, anno infrascripto, recepisse, sub eo qui sequitur tenore;—Guillelmus de Balaeto etc. *ut supra, folio*[1] *proximo.* In cujus rei testimonium[2] sigillum officialitatis Lincolniensis præsentibus literis duximus apponendum. Datum per copiam, apud Parcum Stowe, quinto id. Aprilis, anno Domini supradicto.

Acquittance by William de Castello, the king's tent-maker, for five marks from the bishop of Durham.

Acquietancia Willelmi Papillionarii de quinque marcis.

Pateat universis per præsentes, quod ego, Willelmus de Castello, papillionarius domini regis, assignatus, per breve ejusdem domini, ad recipiendum de venerabili in Christo patre, domino Ricardo, Dei gratia, Dunolmensi episcopo, quadraginta et quatuor libras quindecim denarios et obolum, pro vadiis et robis meis, de arreragiis subsidii medietatis, celebris memoriæ, domino Edwardo, quondam regi Angliæ, patri domini regis qui nunc est, a clero dudum in episcopatu Dunolmensi concessæ, recepi de magistro Willelmo de Quicham, prædicti domini epi-

[1] The leaf that is now lost.

[2] *testimoninm*] restimonium, MS.

An. Episc. 3. scopi . . . officiali, per manum Johannis de Pollowe, clerici, quinque marcas argenti, in partem solutionis pecuniæ supradictæ, de arreragiis prædictæ medietatis. In cujus rei testimonium, præsentibus sigillum meum apposui. Datum apud Gatesheved', xxv°. die mensis Februarii, anno Domini millesimo trecentesimo tertiodecimo. A.D. 1314.

Acceptatio dispensationis Rogeri de Waltham.

Acceptance by the bishop of Durham of pope Benedict's [XI.] dispensation, permitting Roger de Waltham to hold pluralities.

Ricardus, etc., universis etc. Noveritis nos inspexisse literas apostolicas dispensatorias, felicis recordationis, Benedicti, Papæ, Undecimi, sanas et integras, vera bulla plumbea filisque sericis vere bullatas, non abolitas, non abrasas, non cancellatas, nec in aliqua sui parte vitiatas, sed omni suspicione carentes, discreto viro, domino Rogero de Waltham, nunc rectori ecclesiæ de Eggesclive, nostræ diœcesis Dunolmensis, ac ecclesiarum Loudon et de Derlington', de Aukeland' et de Cestre, dictæ nostræ diœcesis, canonico et præbendario, super pluralitate[1] beneficiorum ecclesiasticorum curatorum, concessas et factas, tenorem, qui sequitur, continentes:—Benedictus, episcopus, servus servorum Dei, dilecto filio, Rogero de Waltham, rectori ecclesiæ de Langeneuton' Dunolmensis diœcesis, salutem et apostolicam benedictionem. Licet, f. 118 b propter ambitiones quorundam, ne quis plures ecclesias aut beneficia ecclesiastica, præsertim quibus cura immineat animarum, insimul retinere valeat, sacris sit canonibus interdictum, consuevit tamen interdictum super hoc sedes apostolica, cum personis illis quibus ad id propria merita suffragari reperit, dispensare. Hinc est, quod nos ad personam tuam, cui de multiplicis probitatis meritis fidedignorum testimonia perhibentur, favorem apostolicum extendentes, tibique volentes, dictorum meritorum obtentu, gratiam facere specialem, tuis supplicationibus inclinati, tecum, ut, præter eccle-

[1] *pluralitate*] pluralita, MS.

A.D. 1314. siam de Langneuton', curam animarum habentem, Dun- An. Episc. 3.
olmensis diœcesis, cujus rector existis, unicum aliud beneficium, cum simili cura, recipere etiam si dignitas vel personatus existat, si alias tibi canonice offeratur, illoque postmodum, vel prædicta ecclesia, dimisso, vel dimissa, adhuc unicum aliud beneficium, cum simili cura, etiamsi sit personatus aut dignitas, et alias illud tibi canonice offerri contingat, loco dimissi, libere iterato recipere, et una cum reliquo, necnon canonicatu et præbenda quos in ecclesia de Derlington', ejusdem diœcesis, obtines, retinere, licite valeas, Generalis Concilii et alia quavis Constitutione contraria non obstante, auctoritate apostolica dispensamus. Proviso quod ecclesia, canonicatus, præbenda, et beneficium supradictum, debitis obsequiis non fraudentur, et animarum cura in illis, quibus illa imminet, nullatenus negligatur. Nulli ergo omnino hominum liceat hanc paginam nostræ dispensationis infringere, vel ei ausu temerario contraire. Si quis autem hoc attentare præsumpserit, indignationem Omnipotentis Dei, et beatorum Petri et Pauli apostolorum Ejus, se noverit incursurum. Datum Romæ, apud Sanctum Petrum, ij. kal. Aprilis, pontificatus nostri anno primo.—Nos itaque, Ricardus, episcopus supradictus, dictas literas apostolicas dispensatorias, dicto domino Rogero concessas et factas, quantum ad nos attinet, acceptantes, eundem dominum Rogerum ad recipiendum et retinendum, virtute prædictarum literarum, pluralitatem beneficiorum ecclesiasticorum curatorum, etiamsi unum eorum dignitas vel personatus existat, cum permutatione etiam alterius eorundem, prout in ipsis literis dispensatoriis superius est expressum, habilem et sufficienter munitum, ac cum eodem domino Rogero super hoc legitime esse dispensatum, quantum in nobis est, et ad nos pertinere poterit, dicimus, testificamur, et etiam reputamus. In quorum testimonium atque fidem, has literas, sigilli nostri appensione munitas, eidem domino Rogero fieri fecimus patentes. Datum apud Walworth', juxta Lon-

An. Episc. 3. don', xxiij°, die Martii, anno Domini millesimo trecentesimo tertiodecimo, et pontificatus nostri tertio. A.D. 1314.

Indulgentia concessa pro fabrica pontis de Aukeland'.

Grant of an indulgence of 40 days to those contributing to the fabric of the new bridge of Aukeland.

Universis et singulis sanctæ matris ecclesiæ filiis, nostræ civitatis et diœcesis, Ricardus, permissione divina, Dunolmensis episcopus, salutem in Eo, per Quem fit remissio peccatorum. Cursum præsentis vitæ feliciter peragunt, bona sibi clementi bonitate largitoris omnium collata salubriter administrant, qui, illis mediantibus, futurum sæculum taliter operibus misericordiæ satagunt prævenire, quod ante tribunal æterni Judicis, a cujus oculis nihil abscondi poterit, stare possint minus trepidi, expectaturi præmium de hiis quæ in corpore gesserint, dum vivebant. Cum igitur Willelmus Brak', de Aukeland', et quidam alii ejusdem villæ, quemdam pontem ultra aquam de Were, ad opus et utilitatem expeditiorem transeuntium, jam inceptum, intendant, auctore Domino, de novo construere, ad quem perficiendum, sine aliorum adjutorio, propriæ non suppetant facultates, universitatem vestram rogamus et hortamur in Domino Jesu Christo, quatenus operi tam pio de bonis vestris a Deo tributis, ut exinde bona quæ non deficient pro transitoriis nancisci poteritis, conferre curetis efficax præsidium, intuitu caritatis. Et ut ad ea facienda excitemini corde et animo puriori, omnibus et singulis parochianis nostris et aliis, quorum diœcesani hanc nostram indulgentiam ratam habuerint, et acceptam, de peccatis suis vere contritis, pœnitentibus, et confessis, qui ad fabricam dicti pontis, in bonis vel aliis subsidiis caritativis, manus extenderint adjutrices, xl. dies de injuncta sibi pœnitentia misericorditer relaxamus; omnes indulgentias ad id per quoscunque episcopos catholicos concessas, et in posterum concedendas, tenore præsentium, acceptantes. In cujus rei etc. Datum apud Crayk', xxviij°. die Aprilis, anno Domini millesimo ccc°.xiiij°., et pontificatus nostri tertio.

A.D. 1314. f. 119. Acquittance by the bishop of Durham to his official for the moiety of the grant by the clergy to the king.

Acquietancia officiali Dunelmensi de medietate.

Pateat universis etc., quod nos, Ricardus, permissione divina, Dunolmensis episcopus recepimus, per manus magistri W. de Quicham, officialis nostri Dunolmensis, de ecclesia de Whiteberne, lxvj. *s.* viij. *d.*; de vicaria de Hildreton', xvj. *s.* viij. *d.*; de portione quæ fuit W. de Brompton', in ecclesia Cestr', xxxvj. *s.* viij. *d.*;—de medietate, celebris memoriæ, domino Edwardo, quondam regi Angliæ, patri regis nunc, a clero concessa. In cujus rei testimonium etc. Datum apud Alreford,' xv°. die Aprilis, anno Domini millesimo ccc°.xiiij°., et pontificatus nostri tertio. An. Episc. 3.

Acceptance by Richard, bishop of Durham, of the letters of dispensation granted to Roger de Waltham, by Anthony, bishop of Durham, patriarch of Jerusalem.

Acceptatio literarum dispensatoriarum domini Rogeri de Waltham.

Ricardus, permissione divina, episcopus Dunolmensis, universis ad quorum notitiam præsentes pervenerint, salutem in Domino sempiternam. Noveritis nos vidisse et inspexisse literas patentes dispensatorias, felicis memoriæ, Antonii, quondam patriarchæ Jherosolomitani, et immediati prædecessoris nostri, episcopi Dunolmensis, discreto viro, domino Rogero de Waltham, tunc clerico suo familiari, nunc rectori ecclesiæ de Eggesclive, nostræ diœcesis Dunolmensis, ac ecclesiarum Loudon' et de Derlington', de Aukeland' et Cestr', dictæ nostræ diœcesis, canonico et præbendario, super pluralitate beneficiorum ecclesiasticorum curatorum, auctoritate apostolica, concessas et factas, vero dicti patriarchæ et episcopi sigillo, et scriptura ac signo Ricardi de Ganyo, notarii publici, nobis bene notis, communitas, non cancellatas, non abolitas, nec in aliqua sui parte vitiatas, sed omni suspicione carentes; tenorem literarum apostolicarum sanctissimi patris et domini Clementis, Papæ, Quinti, eidem patriarchæ et episcopo, ad hujusmodi dispensationem faciendam, concessarum, quas sub bulla apostolica plumbea, cum filo cannabis vere bullatas, non cancellatas, non abolitas, non abrasas, nec in aliqua sui parte suspectas, vidimus similiter, et

An. Episc. 3. inspeximus, de verbo ad verbum, prout in dicti patri- A.D. 1314.
archæ et episcopi literis dispensatoriis supradictis inferius inseritur, continentes, quarum tenor, per omnia, talis est:—Antonius, permissione divina, sanctæ Jherosolomitanæ ecclesiæ patriarcha, et episcopus Dunolmensis, filio in Christo dilectissimo, ac clerico nostro familiari et domestico, Rogero de Waltham, canonico Loudon et de Derlington', nostræ diœcesis Dunolmensis, ac ecclesiæ de Langeneuton', ejusdem diœcesis, rectori, salutem, gratiam et benedictionem. Sanctissimus pater et dominus noster, dominus Clemens, divina providentia, Papa, Quintus, nobis privilegium et literas gratiosas nuper concessit tenoris et continentiæ infrascriptæ:—Clemens, episcopus, servus servorum Dei, venerabili fratri, Antonio, patriarchæ Jerosolomitano et episcopo Dunolmensi, salutem, et apostolicam benedictionem. Fraternitatis tuæ devotio, quam ad nos et Romanam geris ecclesiam, digne meretur ut illa te prærogativa favoris et gratiæ prosequamur, per quam aliis etiam te reddere valeas gratiosum. Hinc est, quod nos, volentes tuam honorare personam, ut per honorem tibi exhibitum aliis providere dispensandi cum duobus clericis tuis, de quibus tibi videbitur quod eorum quilibet, si plura ecclesiastica beneficia curam animarum habentia, etiamsi unum eorum dignitas vel personatus existat, valoris annui ducentarum marcarum sterlingorum, secundum ultimam taxationem habitam de decimis reddituum et proventuum beneficiorum hujusmodi persolvendis, absque dispensatione apostolicæ sedis, obtineat, dummodo ea alias canonice fuerit assecutus, illa, cum fructibus inde perceptis, licite retinere. Alioquin, si aliqua talia beneficia, minoris quam prædicitur valoris, obtineat, præter ea, alia similia beneficia, quæ, una cum ipsis obtentis usque ad dictam summam ducentarum marcarum, juxta taxationem ipsam, singulis annis ascendant, etiamsi unum tantum ex eis dignitas extiterit: si vero nullum ex hujusmodi beneficiis

A.D. 1314. habeat, plura talia beneficia curam ipsam habentia, An. Episc. 3.
etiamsi similiter unum eorum dignitas vel personatus fuerit, quorum redditus et proventus usque ad eandem quantitatem ducentarum marcarum, juxta taxationem prædictam, annuatim ascendant, si ei alias canonice offerantur, libere recipere valeat, et similiter licite retinere, Generalis Concilii et quavis alia Constitutione, contraria non obstante, necnon abolendi in eisdem clericis omnem inhabilitatem, infamiam, sive notam, et super irregularitatem, si quas ex receptione ac retentione talium beneficiorum, sive perceptione fructuum, ex eisdem incurrerint, plenam et liberam tibi concedimus, auctoritate præsentium, facultatem. Proviso quod hujusmodi beneficia debitis obsequiis non fraudentur, et animarum cura in eis nullatenus negligatur. Datum Bituris, non. Aprilis, pontificatus nostri anno primo.—Nos igitur, multiplicia virtutum honestatis et gratiarum dona, quibus, ab expertis tuis laudabilibus obsequiis et conversatione diutina circa latera nostra, industriosa fidelitate, et tua fideli industria, adhibitis, te novimus insigniri, debita consideratione pensantes, volentesque ob ea, et alia probitatis tuæ merita, quod in personam tuam cujus gratitudinem et fidei devotionem agnoscimus, quam etiam speramus in ecclesia Dei, Ipso opitulante, plurimum profuturam, effectum utilem prædicta privilegium et gratia sortiantur, ut, præter supradictam ecclesiam de Langeneuton' curam animarum habentem ad triginta marcas sterlingorum annuatim taxatam, secundum ultimam taxationem habitam de decimis dictæ ecclesiæ
f. 119 b. persolvendis, quam ex collatione nostra canonice obtines, plura alia ecclesiastica beneficia, similem curam habentia, quæ, una cum ipsa ecclesia de Langeneuton', usque ad summam ducentarum marcarum sterlingorum, secundum taxationem habitam de decimis reddituum et proventuum beneficiorum hujusmodi persolvendis, singulis annis ascendant, etiamsi unum ex eis dignitas vel

Au. Episc. 8. personatus extiterit, et tibi alias canonice offeratur, libere recipere valeas, et similiter licite retinere, Generalis Concilii, et quavis alia constitutione, contraria non obstante, tecum, loco primi de clericis nostris, pro quibus nobis dictum privilegium est concessum, auctoritate apostolica, quatenus nobis, virtute dictorum privilegii et gratiæ, permittitur, dispensamus; omnem inhabilitatem, infamiam sive notam et irregularitatem, si quas ex receptione ac retentione dictorum beneficiorum tuorum, sive perceptione fructuum ex eisdem, incurristi, quod non credimus, quantum nobis dicta auctoritate committitur, penitus abolentes. Proviso quod hujusmodi beneficia debitis non fraudentur obsequiis, et animarum cura in eis nullatenus negligatur. In quorum omnium testimonium præsens instrumentum publicum per Ricardum de Ganyo, clericum, notarium publicum infrascriptum, scribi, et in publicam formam redigi, mandavimus, et nostri sigilli appensione muniri. Actum et datum apud Cowyk', Eboracensis diœcesis, vicesimo die mensis Julii, anno Domini millesimo trecentesimo sexto, Indictione quarta, pontificatus sanctissimi patris, domini Clementis, papæ, Quinti, supradicti, et patriarchatus nostri anno primo, ac consecrationis nostræ xxiij.; præsentibus, domino Johanne de Barneburgh', perpetuo vicario ecclesiæ de Lecebyry, Dunolmensis diœcesis, ac Waltero, dicto "Wadyn," de Waltham, clerico, testibus ad præmissa vocatis specialiter et rogatis. Et ego, Ricardus natus quondam Henrici de Ganyo, clericus Conventrensis et Lichefeldensis diœcesis, apostolica et imperiali auctoritate notarius publicus, prædictis dispensationi et abolitioni, auctoritate dictarum literarum apostolicarum, per venerabilem patrem, dominum Antonium, Dei gratia, Sanctæ Jherosolomitanæ ecclesiæ patriarcham, et episcopum Dunolmensem supradictum, dicto domino Rogero factis, et omnibus aliis suprascriptis, dum per dictum dominum patriarcham et episcopum agerentur, præsens interfui, et suprascriptas literas apostolicas, una cum A.D. 1314.

A.D. 1314. dictis testibus, vidi et inspexi, sanas et integras, vera bulla plumbea dicti domini papæ, filisque cannabis, more curiæ Romanæ, vere bullatas, non abolitas, non abrasas, non cancellatas, nec in aliqua sui parte vitiatas,[1] sed omni suspicione carentes, quas, cum præsenti instrumento diligenter auscultavi cum testibus supradictis, et eas in omnibus cum isto instrumento inveni, quarum tenor de verbo ad verbum superius continetur, et ea omnia, de ipsius domini patriarchæ et episcopi auctoritate et mandato propria manu scripsi rogatus, et in hanc publicam formam redegi, meumque signum apposui consuetum. Et nona linea publicationis est una rasura in hiis verbis: "diligenter auscultavi,[2]" quam manu propria feci, et illa verba ibidem scripsi, meum corrigendo errorem.—Nos itaque, Ricardus, Dunolmensis episcopus supradictus, gratiam dispensatoriam prædictam, præfato domino Rogero per dictum Antonium, quondam patriarcham et episcopum, auctoritate apostolica, ut præmittitur factam, quatenus ad nos attinet, acceptantes, eundem dominum Rogerum ad recipiendum et retinendum, virtute dispensationis et gratiæ prædictarum pluralitatem beneficiorum ecclesiasticorum curatorum, usque ad summam ducentarum marcarum sterlingorum, secundum communem taxationem, etiam si unum eorum sit dignitas vel personatus, prout in ipsis dispensatione et gratia superius est expressum, habilem et sufficienter munitum, ac cum eodem domino Rogero super [eis] legitime esse dispensatum, quantum in nobis est, et ad nos pertinere poterit, dicimus, testificamur, et etiam reputamus. In quorum testimonium atque fidem, has literas sigilli nostri appensione munitas, eidem domino Rogero fieri fecimus patentes. Datum apud Walworth', juxta London', xxiij°. die Martii, anno Domini millesimo ccc°.xiij. et pontificatus nostri tertio. An. Episc. 3.

[1] *vitiatas*] viciatis, MS. | [2] *auscultavi*] asclutavi, MS.

An. Episc. 3. Licentia concessa domino Aymoni, ad insistendum Studio per triennium, et interim ad residendum, etc.

Clemens, episcopus, servus servorum Dei, dilecto filio, Aymoni nato dilecti filii nobilis viri Amedei, comitis Sabaudiæ, archidiacono Remenensi, salutem et apostolicam benedictionem. Digne agere credimus, si personas genere nobiles, ac nobis et apostolicæ sedi devotas, apostolicis favoribus et gratiis attollamus, ut per hoc in ipsius sedis devotione fortius inardescant. Attendentes igitur multiplicis devotionis studia, quibus tu, et dilectus filius, nobilis vir, Amedeus, comes Sabaudiæ, genitor tuus, nos et Romanam studetis ecclesiam revereri, et volentes personam tuam, propter hoc, et alia multiplicia dona virtutum, quibus, dono Domini, diceris insignitus, præfatæ sedis munificentiæ gratia prævenire, tuis, et prædicti comitis, devotis supplicationibus inclinati, tibi, auctoritate præsentium, indulgemus, ut, insistendo scholasticis disciplinis, in loco ubi Generale vigeat Studium, fructus, redditus, et proventus, omnium beneficiorum ecclesiasticorum cum cura vel sine cura, etiam si dignitates, vel personatus, aut officia, existant, quæ nunc obtines, cum ea integritate, usque ad triennium, percipere libere valeas, quotidianis distributionibus duntaxat exceptis, cum qua illos perciperes, si in ecclesiis in quibus beneficia ipsa consistunt, personaliter resideres; et ad residendum in eis interim minime tenearis, neque ad id a quoquam compelli possis invitus, non obstantibus, si non feceris in eisdem ecclesiis primam personalem residentiam consuetam, et quibuscunque aliis statutis et consuetudinibus prædictarum ecclesiarum contrariis, juramenti confirmatione sedis apostolicæ, seu quacunque firmitate alia, roboratis, etiamsi de illis servandis, et non impetrandis literis apostolicis contra ea, et ipsis literis non utendo, etiam ab alio impetratis, per te vel procuratores tuos præstiteris, vel te præstare contigerit, juramentum, seu si locorum ordinariis a prædicta sit sede concessum, vel concedi contigerit in futurum, quod canonicos et per-

A.D. 1313. Licence granted by the pope to Aymon, son of Amadeus count of Savoy, archdeacon of Rheims, to pursue his scholastic studies for three years.

f. 120.

A.D. 1313. sonas ecclesiarum suarum civitatum et diœcesium pos- An. Episc. 3.
sint compellere, per subtractionem suorum proventuum, ad faciendum personalem residentiam in eisdem, aut si capitulis earundem ecclesiarum a præfata sit sede indultum, vel inposterum contigerit indulgeri, quod canonicis et personis ipsarum ecclesiarum fructus, redditus, et proventus, præbendarum et dignitatum, vel personatuum seu officiorum, ac beneficiorum suorum, earundem ecclesiarum ministrare, in absentia minime teneantur, et ad id compelli non possint, per literas apostolicas non facientes plenam et expressam, ac de verbo ad verbum, de hujusmodi indulto mentionem; et quibuslibet privilegiis, indulgentiis, et literis apostolicis, generalibus vel specialibus, quorumcunque tenorum existant, per quæ, præsentibus non expressa, vel totaliter non inserta, effectus hujusmodi gratiæ impediri valeat quomodolibet, vel differri, et de quibus, quorumque totis tenoribus, habenda sit in nostris literis mentio specialis. Proviso quod beneficia supradicta debitis interim obsequiis non fraudentur, et animarum cura, in eis quibus illa imminet, nullatenus negligatur. Nulli igitur omnino hominum liceat hanc paginam nostræ concessionis infringere, vel ei ausu temerario contraire. Si quis autem hoc attenptare præsumpserit, indignationem omnipotentis Dei et beatorum Petri et Pauli apostolorum Ejus se noverit incursurum. Datum apud Castrum Novum, Avinionensis diœcesis, xvj. kal. Decembris, pontificatus nostri anno nono.

Papal order for the due execution of the aforesaid licence.

Executio super licentia prædicta.

Clemens, episcopus, servus servorum Dei, venerabili fratri archiepiscopo Aquensi, et dilectis filiis, abbati monasterii Sanctæ Genovefæ Parisiensis, et priori de Beremundseie, prope London', salutem, et apostolicam benedictionem. Digne agere credimus, si personas genere nobiles, ac nobis et apostolicæ sedi devotas, apostolicis favoribus et gratiis attollamus, ut per hoc in ipsius sedis devotione for-

An. Episc. 3. tius inardescant. Attendentes igitur multiplicis devo- A.D. 1313.
tionis studia, quibus dilectus filius, Aymo, natus dilecti filii, nobilis viri, Amedei, comitis Sabaudiæ, archidiaconus Remenensis, et ipse comes, genitor suus, nos et Romanam student ecclesiam revereri, et volentes personam ipsius archidiaconi, propter hoc, et alia multiplicia dona virtutum, quibus, dono Domini dicitur insignitus, præfatæ sedis munificentiæ gratia prævenire, ejusdem archidiaconi et prædicti comitis devotis supplicationibus inclinati, prædicto Aymoni, auctoritate literarum nostrarum, duximus indulgendum, ut, insistendo scholasticis disciplinis, in loco ubi Studium vigeat Generale, fructus, redditus, et proventus, omnium beneficiorum ecclesiasticorum, cum cura vel sine cura, etiam si dignitates, vel personatus, aut officia, existerent, quæ tunc obtinebat, cum ea integritate, usque ad triennium, percipere libere valeret, quotidianis distributionibus duntaxat exceptis, cum qua illos percepisset, si in ecclesiis in quibus beneficia ipsa consistunt, personaliter resideret; et ad residendum in eis interim minime teneretur, neque ad id a quoquam compelli posset invitus, non obstantibus si dictus Aymo non fecerit in eisdem ecclesiis primam personalem residentiam consuetam, et quibuscunque aliis statutis et consuetudinibus prædictarum ecclesiarum contrariis, juramenti, confirmatione sedis præfatæ, seu quacunque firmitate alia, roboratis, etiam si de illis servandis, et non impetrandis literis apostolicis contra ea, et ipsis literis non utendo, etiam ab alio impetratis, per se vel per procuratores suos præstiterit, vel ipsum præstare contigerit, juramentum, seu si locorum ordinariis a prædicta sit sede concessum, vel concedi contigerit in futurum, quod canonicos et personas ecclesiarum suarum civitatum et diœcesium possint compellere, per subtractionem suorum proventuum, ad faciendum personalem residentiam in eisdem, aut si capitulis earundem ecclesiarum a præfata sit sede indultum, vel inposterum contigerit indulgeri, quod cano-

A.D. 1313. nicis et personis ipsarum ecclesiarum, fructus, redditus, An. Episc. 8.
et proventus, præbendarum ac dignitatum vel, personatuum seu officiorum, ac beneficiorum suorum, earundem ecclesiarum ministrare, in absentia minime teneantur, et ad id compelli non possint, per literas apostolicas non facientes plenam et expressam, ac de verbo ad
f. 120 b. verbum, de indulto hujusmodi mentionem; et quibuslibet privilegiis, indulgentiis, et literis apostolicis generalibus vel specialibus, quorumcunque tenorum existant, per quæ, nostris literis non expressa, vel totaliter non inserta, effectus hujusmodi gratiæ impediri valeat quomodolibet, vel differri, et de quibus quorumque totis tenoribus habenda fit in eisdem nostris literis mentio specialis. Proviso quod beneficia supradicta debitis interim obsequiis non fraudentur, et animarum cura, in eis quibus illa imminet, nullatenus negligatur. Quocirca discretioni vestræ, per apostolica scripta mandamus, quatenus vos, vel duo, aut unus, vestrum, per vos, vel per alium, seu alios, præfatos fructus, redditus, et proventus faciatis auctoritate nostra prædicto archidiacono, vel procuratori suo pro eo, per idem triennium, juxta hujusmodi concessionis nostræ tenorem, integre ministrari; non obstantibus omnibus supradictis, seu si dictis ordinariis et capitulis, vel quibusvis aliis, communiter vel divisim, a præfata sit sede indultum, quod interdici, suspendi, vel excommunicari, non possint per literas apostolicas, non facientes plenam et expressam, ac de verbo ad verbum, de indulto hujusmodi mentionem, contradictores, auctoritate nostra, appellatione postposita, compescendo. Datum apud Castrum Novum, Avinionensis diœcesis, xvj°. kal. Decembris, pontificatus nostri anno nono.

Dispensation for Aymon, son of Amadeus, count of Savoy not to take superior orders

Dispensatio quod non teneatur ad susceptionem superiorum ordinum, quousque, etc.

Clemens episcopus, servus servorum Dei, dilecto filio Aymoni, nato dilecti filii, nobilis viri, Amedei, comitis Sabaudiæ, archidiacono Remenensi, salutem, et apostolicam

An. Episc. 3. benedictionem. Personam tuam, quam generis et morum nobilitas, et alia multiplicia dona virtutum, in te vigentia, nostris gratam affectibus repræsentant, gerentes sincerius in visceribus caritatis, illam honoris prærogativa libenter attollimus, et apostolicæ libertatis gratia prævenimus. Cum itaque dilectus filius nobilis vir Amedeus comes Sabaudiæ, genitor tuus, sicut, pro parte sua, fuit expositum coram nobis, duos duntaxat, te, videlicet, et dilectum filium, nobilem virum, Edwardum, ejusdem comitis primogenitum, germanum tuum, liberos habeat, ipseque Edwardus nondum prolem suscepisse noscatur; nos, qui præfatum comitem, ob devotæ sinceritatis affectum quo nos et sedem apostolicam reveretur, in pectoris intimis præmulta dilectione portamus, aspera et dura pericula, quæ circa gubernationem et statum comitatus Sabaudiæ, si ad sacros ordines, antequam præfatum Edwardum hæredum solatio gaudere contingat, te faceres promoveri, possent emergere diligentius attendentes, ac eisdem volentes periculis, quantum cum Deo possumus obviare, illaque paternis studiis promovere, per quæ comitatus prædictus in statu tranquillo et prospero conservetur, ac tibi, præmissorum obtentu, apostolicæ munificentiæ januam aperire, ipsius comitis devotis supplicationibus inclinati, tibi, auctoritate præsentium, indulgemus, ut, ratione quorumcunque beneficiorum ecclesiasticorum, cum cura vel sine cura, etiam si dignitates, vel personatus, aut officia, existant quæ nunc obtines, et inposterum obtinebis, non tenearis, quousque præfatus Edwardus duos masculos filios legitimos habeat, etiam si interim ad legitimam ætatem perveneris, ad aliquos sacros ordines te facere promoveri, neque ad id a quoquam compelli possis invitus, Lateranensis et Generalium Conciliorum, et qualibet alia Constitutione, contraria non obstante. Proviso quod beneficia ipsa debitis interim obsequiis non fraudentur, et animarum cura, in eis quibus illa imminet, nullatenus negligatur; quodque tu, post susceptionem filiorum ipso-

A.D. 1313. until two male children shall have been born to his elder brother.

A.D. 1313. rum, ad ordines ipsos, prout beneficiorum prædictorum onus requirit, te facias promoveri. Nulli ergo omnino hominum liceat hanc paginam nostræ concessionis infringere, vel ei, ausu temerario, contraire. Si quis autem hoc attenptare præsumpserit, indignationem omnipotentis Dei, et beatorum Petri et Pauli apostolorum Ejus, se noverit incursurum. Datum apud Novum Castrum, Avinionensis diœcesis, xvj. kal. Decembris, pontificatus nostri anno nono. An. Episc. 3.

Dispensation granted by the pope to Aymon son of the count of Savoy as to the retention of a plurality of benefices obtained and to be obtained.

Dispensatio super retentione beneficiorum obtentorum et etiam obtinendorum.

Clemens, episcopus, servus servorum Dei, dilecto filio, Aymoni, nato dilecti filii, nobilis viri, Amedei, comitis Sabaudiæ, canonico Parisiensi, salutem, et apostolicam benedictionem. Sedis apostolicæ circumspecta benignitas personis bene meritis nonnunquam, per dispensationem, gratiose concedere consuevit, quod juris observantia interdicit. Hinc est, quod nos tui nobilitatem generis, vitæ ac morum honestatem, aliaque laudabilia dona virtutum, quibus insignitus agnosceris, necnon tui ac tuorum erga nos et sedem eandem magnæ devotionis affectum, diligentius attendentes, et volentes propterea, necnon et consideratione dilecti filii nobilis viri, Amedei, comitis Sabaudiæ, patris tui, pro te nobis super hoc, cum instantia, supplicantis, personam tuam prærogativa prosequi favoris et gratiæ specialis, tecum, ut, defectu quem pateris in ordinibus et ætate, cum in minoribus tantum ordinibus, et in decimo septimo ætatis tuæ anno, vel circa illum, consistas, vel Generalium et Lateranensis Conciliorum, vel quibuslibet aliis, Constitutionibus contrariis, nequaquam obstantibus, præter archidiaconatum tuum ecclesiæ Eboracensis, possis alia beneficia ecclesiastica, cum cura vel sine cura, etiam si dignitates vel personatus existant, in regno Angliæ consistentia, quorum redditus et proventus usque ad quingentarum marcarum argenti annuum valorem ascendant, si tibi alias canonice conferantur, libere percipere; et, una cum eodem archidia-

An. Episc. 3. conatu, ac canonicatibus, et præbendis, quos in prædicta ac Parisiensi, necnon canonicatu quem obtines, et portione quam in Lugdunensi, ecclesia (in qua præbendarum distinctio non habetur [de] residendo ibidem) de communibus ipsius ecclesiæ Lugdunensis proventibus, sicut unus ex aliis illius canonicis in ea residentibus, percipis, canonicatu etiam ecclesiæ Remenensis, quempridem tibi contulimus, ac præbenda quam in ea, necnon dignitatibus seu personatibus, cum cura vel sine cura, quos in ipsis Remensi et Lugdunensi ecclesiis, si tunc vacabant ibidem, vel proximo vacaturis, quos duceres acceptandos, conferendos tibi, donationi apostolicæ reservavimus, cum illos fueris assecutus; aliis insuper beneficiis ecclesiasticis, etiam si dignitates vel personatus existant, si qua per nos, seu auctoritate nostra, forsitan tibi conferri contigerit in futurum, licite retinere, auctoritate apostolica, dispensamus. Proviso quod archidiaconatus, præbendæ, dignitates, seu personatus, et beneficia hujusmodi, debitis obsequiis non fraudentur, et animarum cura, in eis quibus illa imminet, nullatenus negligatur. Nulli ergo omnino hominum liceat hanc paginam nostræ dispensationis infringere, vel ei, ausu temerario, contraire. Si quis autem hoc attentare præsumpserit, indignationem Omnipotentis Dei et, beatorum Petri et Pauli apostolorum Ejus, se noverit incursurum. Datum Matiscon', viij. id. Martii, pontificatus nostri anno primo. A.D. 1314. f. 121.

Procuratorium ejusdem. Letters of proxy given by the said Aymon notarially attested.

In nomine Domini, Amen. Per præsens publicum instrumentum cunctis appareat evidenter quod anno Domini[cæ] incarnationis millesimo ccc°.xiiij°., secundum cursum Ecclesiæ Anglicanæ, Indictione duodecima, mensis Aprilis die undecima, in mei, notarii publici, et testium subscriptorum, præsentia, venerabilis vir, dominus Aymo de Saubaudia, archidiaconus Eboracensis, et præbendarius præbendæ de Strensale, in ecclesia Eboracensi prædicta, ac rector ecclesiæ

A.D. 1314. de Wasshington', Dunolmensis diœcesis, fecit, ordinavit, An. Episc. 3.
et constituit, dilectum sibi in Christo, dominum Willelmum de Cusancia, canonicum Ryponensem, Eboracensis diœcesis, præsentem, et mandatum suscipientem, suum verum et legitimum procuratorem, actorem, defensorem, negotiorum gestorem, ac nuncium specialem; dans et concedens eidem domino Willelmo, procuratori suo, plenam et liberam potestatem, ac mandatum generale et speciale, in omnibus causis et negotiis, litibus et querelis ipsum dominum Aymonem, archidiaconatum suum prædictum, necnon præbendam et ecclesiam supradictas, qualitercunque contingentibus, motis, seu movendis, coram quibuscunque judicibus, ordinariis, auditoribus, delegatis, subdelegatis, aut aliis quamcunque jurisdictionem seu motionem habentibus, et eorum commissariis seu vices gerentibus, datis vel dandis, nomine suo, et pro ipso, agendi, defendendi, libellum dandi, litem contestandi, excipiendi, proponendi, replicandi, ponendi, positionibus respondendi, testes[1] et instrumenta producendi, et eos vel ea reprobandi, sententiam vel sententias interlocutorias et diffinitivas audiendi, provocandi et appellandi, provocationes et appellationes innovandi et notificandi, et earum causas prosequendi, crimina et defectus objiciendi et probandi, status sui reformationem, et in integrum restitutionis beneficium, et absolutionis a quacunque sententia suspensionis et excommunicationis, necnon damnorum æstimationem, ac interesse, petendi, recipiendi, et obtinendi; et super hiis in animam suam, necnon de calumnia et veritate dicenda, jurandi et quodlibet aliud genus liciti juramenti præstandi, quotiens opus fuerit; alium vel alios procuratorem vel procuratores loco sui, quotiens et quando viderit expedire, substituendi; substitutum vel substitutos revocandi; procuratoris officium reassumendi; et omnia alia et singula faciendi et procurandi, quæ

[1] *testes*] teste, MS.

An. Episc. 8. verus et legitimus procurator facere potest et debet, et quæ in præmissis, et circa præmissa, fuerint necessaria seu opportuna, etiam si mandatum exigant speciale, et quæ merita causarum et prædictorum, ac juris ordo, exigunt et requirunt: promittens idem dominus Aymo, se firmum perpetuis temporibus habiturum, quicquid per dictum procuratorem suum, aut per substitutum vel substitutos, substituendum vel substituendos, ab eo, factum, gestum, et procuratum, fuerit in præmissis, et quolibet præmissorum. Volens insuper dictum procuratorem suum, et substitutum vel substitutos, substituendum vel substituendos, ab eo, relevare ab omni onere satis dandi, promisit mihi, Willelmo notario publico stipulanti et recipienti nomine et vice omnium quorum interest, vel interesse poterit, judicio sisti, et judicatum solvi, in omnibus suis clausulis necessariis, vel etiam opportunis, sub hypotheca et obligatione omnium bonorum suorum, præsentium et futurorum. Acta sunt hæc in hospitio Johannis Vanne, civis Londoniensis, videlicet, in parochia Sancti Antonii, London', anno, Indictione, et die mensis, supradictis; et præsentibus, venerabili viro, domino Thoma de Sabaudia, canonico Ryponensi, magistro Gerardo de Sisiriaco, canonico Suwell', domino Johanne, rectore ecclesiæ de Dauter, Gebenensis, et Willelmo de Neuport', Londoniensis diœcesium, testibus vocatis specialiter, et rogatis; quodcunque procuratorium, quibuscunque personis, ante hæc tempora, per ipsum factis, per præsens procuratorium revocando. Et ego, Willelmus filius, Willelmi le Dorturer de Seleburn', Wyntoniensis[1] diœcesis, sacrosanctæ Romanæ ecclesiæ et sacri imperii, ac almæ urbis præfectoriæ dignitatis, publicus, auctoritate, notarius, ordinationi et constitutioni suprascripti procuratorii, ac cæteris omnibus, prout prædixi, una cum dictis testibus, præsens interfui, et ea sic fieri vidi et audivi, ipsaque scripsi, et in hanc A.D. 1314.

[1] *Wyntoniensis*] Wyton', MS.

A.D. 1314. publicam formam redegi, ac meum signum consuetum apposui, rogatus. An. Episc.

Licence to the rector of the church of Cokefeld to proceed with his scholastic studies for one year.

Memorandum.— Quod septimo die Aprilis, anno Domini millesimo ccc°. quartodecimo, apud Offington', juxta Stamford', concessit dominus licentiam rectori ecclesiæ de Cokefeld', quod possit insistere Studio a data præsentium usque in annum revolutum.

f. 121 b. Bond by the bishop of Durham for the due sale of wool to merchants of the Society of the Peruchi of Florence.

Obligatio super venditione lanæ. Noverint universi, præsentes literas inspecturi vel audituri, quod nos, Ricardus, permissione divina, Dunolmensis episcopus, concessimus et vendidimus dilectis nobis in Christo, Johanni Rustekyn et Johanni Junctym, et sociis eorum, mercatoribus de societate Peruchiorum, de Florentia, totam lanam nostram, de stauro nostro et de ecclesia nostra de hoc anno Domini millesimo ccc°.xiiij°. mundam, siccam, et bene lotam, sine coth et gard nigra et grisa lana, scabie, putredine, sine vilibus floccis, et sine omni vili vellere, quemlibet saccum pro octo marcis et x. solidis sterlingorum. De quo quidem pretio habuimus et recepimus a dictis mercatoribus, die confectionis præsentium, London', pro arduis negotiis nostris expediendis, centum marcas bonorum et legalium sterlingorum, præ manibus, in arrhis super lanam antedictam; quas quidem centum marcas, in preperatione nobis facienda pro lana supradicta, prædictis mercatoribus computare promittimus, et plenarie allocare. Quam quidem totam lanam nostram, de stauro nostro et de ecclesia nostra, de anno Domini supradicto, mundam, siccam, et bene lotam, et a vitiis prædictis purgatam, ponderatam etiam bene et fideliter, secundum verum pondus nostrum, et consuetum, videlicet, quilibet saccus per triginta unam petras in clavo, qualibet petra duodecim libras continente, et in sarpillariis dictorum mercatorum impaccatam promittimus, et tenemur, reddere et liberare præfatis mercatoribus, aut

An. Episc. 3. uni eorum, vel eorum certo attornato, apud Alverton', in Octabis Nativitatis Beati Johannis Baptistæ proximo venturæ, anno Domini supradicto, sine quacunque contradictione vel dilatione ulteriore. Et prædicti mercatores, in receptione lanæ prælibatæ, nobis, seu nostro certo mandato, apud Eboracum, pro eadem lana plenariam facient solutionem. Ad quam quidem totam lanam prædictam prædictis mercatoribus, loco et termino prædictis, fideliter tradendam et liberandam, una cum plenaria restitutione et emendatione omnium damnorum et expensarum, ob nostri defectum, in hac parte, sustentorum, nos et executores nostros et omnia bona nostra et episcopatus nostri, ecclesiastica et mundana, ubicunque inveniantur, specialiter obligamus, et supponimus coercioni et districtioni cujuscunque judicis ecclesiastici et sæcularis. Et ego, Thomas de Hessewell', clericus venerabilis patris in Christo, domini episcopi Dunolmensis, domini mei prædicti, pro eodem domino meo, me constituo fidejussorem manucaptorum in præmissis, et principalem debitorem, meipsum, hæredes, et executores meos, et omnia bona mea, mobilia et immobilia, præsentia et futura, ubicunque inveniantur, specialiter super hiis obligando, simili modo et eisdem districtionibus, quibus dictus dominus episcopus, dominus meus, se superius obligavit. In cujus rei testimonium, tam nos, dictus Ricardus, episcopus Dunolmensis, quam ego, prædictus Thomas de Hessewell', clericus ejus, præsentibus sigilla nostra apposuimus. Datum London', die Mercurii proxima ante festum Annunciationis Dominicæ, anno Domini millesimo cccxiij., et regni regis Edwardi filii regis Edwardi septimo. A.D. 1314.

Acquietancia dompno Adæ priori Beatæ Mariæ, Eboracensis.

Tenore præsentium pateat universis, quod nos, Ricardus, permissione divina, Dunelmensis episcopus, recepimus de dompno Ada, priore Beatæ Mariæ, Eboracensis, Acquittance by the bishop of Durham to the prior of St. Mary's in York, for 46*l.* 13*s.* 4*d.*

A.D. 1314. quadraginta et sex libras tresdecim solidos et quatuor denarios sterlingorum, quos in deposito dimisimus penes eundem. De qua summa pecuniæ, sic recepta, dictum priorem acquietamus, per præsentes. In cujus rei testimonium, sigillum nostrum præsentibus est appensum. Datum apud Crayk', primo die Maii, anno Domini M.ccc°. quartodecimo, et pontificatus nostri tertio. An. Episc. 3.

Admission by the bishop that the acknowledgment formerly given by the said prior, as holding the said money is now null and void.

Acquietancia redditus obligatorii.

Universis pateat per præsentes, quod cum nos, Ricardus, Dei gratia, Dunelmensis episcopus, penes dominum Adam, priorem beatæ Mariæ, Eboracensis, quadraginta et sex libras tresdecim solidos et quatuor denarios sterlingorum deposuissemus, de qua pecunia, sic per eum, ex causa depositi, recepta, literas suas nobis fecisset patentes, nosque dictam pecuniam ab eodem postea receperimus, super hoc litera nostra acquietanciæ sibi facta; quia tamen dicti prioris literam, penes nos residentem, tempore quo dictam pecuniam ab eodem recepimus, ad manus non habebamus paratam, ipsam de cætero omni affectu et robore carere volumus firmitatis, atque in fidem has literas nostras fieri fecimus patentes, sigilli nostri munimine roboratas. Datum apud Crayk', primo die Maii, anno Domini M.ccc°. quartodecimo, et pontificatus nostri tertio.

Letters testimonial in favour of William de Carlisle.

Litera pro Willelmo de Carliol' bonæ conversationis.

Universis sanctæ matris ecclesiæ filiis, præsentes literas inspecturis, Ricardus, permissione divina, Dunolmensis episcopus, salutem in omnium Salvatore. Digne merentur subditi superiorum testimonii fulciri præsidio, qui ipsos ad id inducunt et excitant per laudabilia suffragia meritorum; universitati igitur vestræ, tenore præsentium, intimamus, quod Willelmus de Carliol', præsentium exhibitor, in diœcesi nostra Dunolmensi, de qua oriundus existit, jam per multa tempora conversatus, laudabiliter se gessit et habuit, nullius macula criminis irretitus, aut

An. Episc. 3. alicujus sententia excommunicationis, majoris vel minoris, de qua sciri poterit, innodatus, nec aliquo extitit vitio infamatus aut convictus, per quod ab executione beneficii ecclesiastici, si sibi canonice oblatum fuerit, repelli poterit aut debebit. In cujus rei testimonium, has literas nostras dicto Willelmo fieri fecimus patentes, sigilli nostri munimine roboratas. Datum apud Crayk', v. die Maii, anno Domini M°.ccc°.xiiij°., et pontificatus nostri tertio. A.D. 1314.

Obligatio. Tenore præsentium pateat universis, quod nos, Ricardus, [Dei gratia, Dunelmensis episcopus, tenemur, et per præsens efficaciter obligamur, dilectis mercatoribus nostris, Manenti Francisco et sociis suis, mercatoribus de societate Bardorum de Florentia, in centum triginta et quinque libris sex solidis et octo denariis sterlingorum, nobis per eosdem in nostris necessitatibus mutuatis; solvendis eisdem, vel uni eorum, aut suo certo attornato, hanc literam deferenti, apud Eboracum, in festo beati Johannis Baptistæ proximo futuro, sine ulteriore dilatione, bona fide. Ad quam solutionem suo termino, ut est dictum, fideliter faciendam, obligamus nos et omnia bona nostra, mobilia et immobilia, ubicunque fuerint inventa, jurisdictioni et coercioni cujuscunque judicis ecclesiastici vel sæcularis. In cujus rei testimonium, sigillum nostrum præsentibus est appensum. Datum apud Crayk', ix°. die Maii, anno Domini M°.ccc°. quartodecimo, et pontificatus nostri tertio. f. 122. Bond of the bishop of Durham to merchants of the society of the Bardis of Florence for 135*l.* 6*s.* 8*d.*

Memorandum quod xv°. die Maii, anno pontificatus nostri tertio, facta est litera acquietanciæ domino Roberto de Brumpton', de ducentis et quadraginta libris. Memorandum of a letter of acquittance to Robert de Brumpton for 240*l.*

Commissio castri de Norham. Ricardus, permissione divina, Dunolmensis episcopus, omnibus ballivis et fidelibus suis, ac etiam libere tenentibus, villanis, et aliis, de Grant of the custody of the castle and county of Norham

A.D. 1314. to Sir Robert de Colevile.

castro nostro de Norham, et toto comitatu de Norham, et eorum pertinentiis, ac universis aliis ad quos præsentes literæ pervenerint, salutem. Sciatis nos custodiam castri nostri, et comitatus, de Norham prædictorum, cum suis pertinentiis et libertatibus, domino Roberto de Colevile, militi, commisisse, per præsentes, quamdiu nobis placuerit, custodiendam; hoc omnibus quorum interest, vel interesse poterit, præsentialiter intimantes. Quocirca vobis mandamus, quod eidem domino Roberto, ut custodi et ballivo nostro castri et comitatus prædictorum, intendentes respondeatis, prout fideliter tenemini, in omnibus quæ ad custodiam et ballivam pertinent supradictas, donec a nobis aliud inde habueritis in mandatis. In cujus rei testimonium, has literas nostras sibi fieri fecimus patentes, sigilli munimine roboratas. Datum apud Middelham, xv°. die mensis Maii, anno Domini millesimo trecentesimo xiiij°. et pontificatus nostri tertio. An. Episc. 3.

Letters missive to Walter de Gosewyk, formerly warden of the castle and county of Norham, to deliver up the same to Sir Robert de Colevile.

Litera missa Waltero de Gosewyk', dudum custodi ejusdem.

Richard, par la suffrance de Dieu, evesque de Duresme, a son feal et bien ame, Wauter de Gosewyk', saluz od sa beneicion. Por ceo que plosours periles sunt avenuz, come nous avoms entendu, a divers chasteux en la Marche d'Escose, et sumes ja le meins enmeu d'autre resons, par quoy nous avoms baillez la garde de nostre chastiel de Norham, et del counte de mesme le lieu a nostre cher en Dieu, monsire Robert de Colevil', en qui descrecioun et loialte grant affiaunce avoms, a tenir et garder tant q'il nous plera; vous mandoms, enjoignante fermement, que le dit chastiel et le counte, ove les aportenance al dit monsire Robert sor tesmoignance de ceste lettre, liverez, quant de ceo serrez requis, ensemblement ove tous les biens et chatels qui a nous sunt en le dist chastiel, ou allours en le counte; et facez faire ainsement une endenture de totes choses qui livere li serrunt, par entre li et nous en nostre

An. Episc. 3. noun, issint q'il se grant estre oblige de rendre et faire restitucioun de mesme les choses enterement a nostre volunte. En tesmoignance de quele chose, nous vous avoms faites cestes noz lettres overtes, souz nostre prive seal, le sezsime jour de Maii, en nostre maner de Middelham, l'an de nostre sacre tierce. A.D. 1314.

[1]Generalis sententia lata contra occupantes bona domini Johannis Marmeduci defuncti.

General sentence of excommunication against those unlawfully holding the goods of Sir John, son of Marmeduc, deceased.

Ex querela nobilis viri, domini Henrici filii Hugonis, militis, executoris, bonæ memoriæ testamenti domini Johannis filii Marmeduci, militis, defuncti, accepimus non est diu, quod quidam indevotionis filii, suæ salutis immemores, Deum præ oculis non habentes, nec de animarum curantes periculis, quorum nomina ignorantur, nonnulla dicti defuncti bona, post ipsius obitum, auctoritate propria, invaserunt, distraxerunt, et etiam, contra justitiam, occuparunt, et adhuc temere occupant, detinent, et concelant, quominus executores ipsius defuncti ultima vota sua valeant, ut affectant, efficaciter adimplere; propter quod non est dubium ipsos in sententiam excommunicationis, damnabiliter in omnes confringentes ultimas decedentium voluntates a canone latam, incidisse. Nos igitur, cupientes pias dilatas defunctorum voluntates studio pastorali, facere adimpleri, vobis mandamus quatenus omnes et singulos dictorum bonorum occupatores illicitos, detentores et concelatores, scienter et malitiose, in genere, dictam excommunicationis sententiam incurrisse, per vos, aut alium vel alios, in locis solemnibus, et aliis ubi magis expedire videritis, pulsatis campanis, accensis candelis, cum in eisdem locis major affuerit populi multitudo, publice nuncietis; de nominibus eorum nihilominus inquirentes, de quibus cum vobis constiterit, citetis peremptorie, quod compareant coram nobis, ubicunque

[1] There is a mark in the margin here for the transposition of this and the following documents.

A.D. 1314. tunc fuerimus, in nostra diœcesi, vel commissariis nostris ad hoc deputandis, secundo die juridico proximo post festum Sancti Barnabæ apostoli, nobis, ad instantiam officii et dictis executoribus canonice responsuri, facturique ulterius, et recepturi, quod justitia suadebit. Quid vero in præmissis feceritis, nos, vel dictos commissarios, ad dictos diem et locum, per vestras patentes literas harum seriem continentes, reddatis dilucide certiores. Valete. Datum, etc. An. Episc. 3.

f. 122 b. Obligation of Sir Robert de Coleville to deliver up the castle and county of Norham, on the request of the bishop of Durham.

[1] Universis Christi fidelibus præsentes literas inspecturis, Robertus de Colevill', salutem in omnium Salvatore. Cum venerabilis pater et dominus, dominus Ricardus, Dei gratia, Dunelmensis episcopus, custodiam castri et comitatus de Norham, cum universis pertinentiis suis, per suas certi tenoris literas inde mihi factas et concessas, commiserit, faciendam et exercendam usque ad suæ beneplacitum voluntatis, volens et adjiciens ut prædictos castrum et comitatum, cum rebus quibuscunque, quæ mihi, in admissione custodiæ eorundem, liberabuntur, reddam et restituam eidem patri, sine contradictione quacunque quandocunque super hoc fuero requisitus; ego Robertus antedictus, fateor me teneri, tenore præsentium, præfato patri, et successoribus suis, ad reddendum et restituendum præfatos castrum et comitatum, una cum omnibus rebus cujuscunque generis existant, quæ mihi liberabuntur, et admittam per quamdam indenturam, inter Walterum de Gosewyk', nuper custodem dictorum castri et comitatus, et me, conficiendam, prædicto patri, vel illi quem ad hoc congrue deputaverit, et me super hoc requisiverit, pro suæ libito voluntatis; subjiciens et obligans me, hæredes, et executores meos, terras et tenementa, et omnia bona mea, mobilia et immobilia, ubicunque existentia, voluntati, districtioni, et jurisdictioni,

[1] There is no marginal note to this instrument.

An. Episc. 3. sæpedicti patris, et successorum suorum, invadenda, occupanda, et distrahenda, prout ipsis placuerit, si me contingat, quod absit, præmissis in aliquo contraire. In cujus rei testimonium sigillum meum præsentibus est appensum. Datum apud Middelham, xvj°. die Maii, anno Domini M°.ccc°.xiiij°. A.D. 1314.

Memorandum.— Quod xv. die Maii, anno pontificatus nostri tertio, facta fuit quædam acquietancia domino Roberto de Brumpton', de cl. libris, vj. *s.* viij. *d.* Memorandum of acquittance of Robert de Brumpton for 150*l.* 6*s.* 8*d.*

Memorandum.— Quod vigilia Pentecostes, anno pontificatus nostri tertio, directa fuit quædam litera Roberto de Sokepath', ut se intromitteret de officio receptoris de Norham, sicut prius. Memorandum of letters to Robert de Sokepath, to enter upon the office of receiver of Norham.

Concessio castri de Norham domino regi usque ad tempus. Sachent tutes gentz que nous, Richard, par la souffraunce de Dieu, evesque de Duresme, avoms prestee a nostre seigneur le roi, sire Edward, par la grace de Dieu, roi d'Engleterre, seigneur d'Irlaund', et ducs d'Aquitayne, nostre chastel de Norham, en defense de lui, son poeple et sa terre susdite, a tenir au terme de treis annez procheins avenir apres la date de ceste escrit, issi que, apres le terme de susditz treiz annez, le dit chastel retourne a nous et a noz successours, et a nostre eglise de Duresme, a toutz jours. En tesmoigne de [quele chose, a] cestes lettres avoms mys nostre seal. Escrite a Duresme, le xxv. jour de Maii, l'an du regne le dit nostre seigneur, le roi Edward, setyme. Grant of the castle of Norham to the king for three years.

Excommunicatio pro clerico verberato. Ricardus, permissione divina, Dunolmensis episcopus, discreto viro . . perpetuo vicario ecclesiæ de Grendon', salutem, gratiam et benedictionem. Sua nobis Ricardus Letter of excommunication against some persons unknown, for beating

A.D. 1314. and ill-treating Richard, son of John de Thorp, clerk.

filius Johannis de Thorp', clericus, gravi conquestione, An. Episc. 3. nuper exposuit et monstravit, quod quidam iniquitatis filii, propriæ salutis immemores, et Deum præ oculis non habentes, quorum nomina ignorantur, in eum, in casu a jure non permisso, manus violentas, animo injuriandi, temere injecerunt, ipsum verberando, male tractando, et nequiter vulnerando; prætextu cujus injectionis temerariæ, in sententiam excommunicationis majoris, latam a canone damnabiliter, incidebant. Quocirca vobis, in virtute obedientiæ, firmiter injungimus et mandamus, quatenus ipsos malefactores, et eos qui ad id faciendum dederunt præceptum, consilium, auxilium, vel favorem, in dictam sententiam excommunicationis majoris, pulsatis campanis, accensis candelis, intra missarum solemnia, incidisse publice nuncietis; inquirentes nihilominus de nominibus eorundem, de quibus cum vobis constiterit, citetis eos peremptorie, quod compareant coram nobis, vel commissariis nostris, uno vel pluribus, in Galilæa Dunolmi, proximo die juridico post festum Sancti Barnabæ, apostoli; dicto Ricardo, clerico, super sibi objiciendis, et nobis, ex officio, responsuri, et ulterius facturi et recepturi, quod justitia suadebit. Et quid in præmissis feceritis, nobis, vel commissariis nostris, ad dictos diem et locum, constare dilucide faciatis, una cum nominibus citatorum, per vestras literas patentes, harum seriem continentes. Datum apud Stokton', xxvij°. die Maii, anno Domini millesimo trecentesimo quartodecimo, et pontificatus nostri tertio.

Mandate to withdraw the cause between the vicar of Bilingham and Richard de Parco.

Quod retractetur causa inter vicarium de Bilingham et Ricardum de Parco.

Ricardus, permissione divina, Dunolmensis episcopus, dilecto filio . . officiali nostro Dunolmensi, salutem, gratiam et benedictionem. Quantas pereunt inquietudines, quantaque secum trahunt discrimina, inter subditos nostros lites, ex odiorum fomitibus suscitatæ, inter alias solicitudines quibus premimur, metientes,

An. Episc. 3. paterna studia gaudenter apponimus, ut inter eosdem, sedatis quibuslibet dissensionum anfractibus, optata tranquillitas, et pacis gratia nutriantur. Cum enim inter dilectos filios, dominum W., perpetuum vicarium ecclesiæ de Bilingham actorem ex parte una, et Ricardum de Parco, reum, ex altera, in causa super violenta manum injectione inter eosdem mota, et coram vobis diutius agitata, eidem Ricardo, propter bonum mentis et conscientiæ, culpam confitenti, beneficio absolutionis impenso, pax sit amicabiliter, nostro procurante studio reformata, vobis mandamus, quatenus ipsas partes, quoad causam prædictam, a vestro dimittatis examine, neutra earundem, ea occasione, in misericordia remanente. Valete. Datum [apud] Stokton', xxvij°. die Maii, pontificatus nostri anno tertio. A.D. 1314.

Inquisitio de defectibus vicariæ de Norton'.

f. 123. Inquisition ordered to be made relative to the dilapidations and defects of the houses, books, vestments, &c. pertaining to the vicarage of Norton.

Ricardus, permissione divina, Dunolmensis episcopus, dilecto filio, decano de Derlington', salutem, gratiam et benedictionem. De defectibus domorum, librorum, vestimentorum, prædiorum, ac rerum aliarum, ad vicariam ecclesiæ de Norton' pertinentium, certis de causis, certiores fieri cupientes, vobis, tenore præsentium, committimus et mandamus, quatenus per viros ecclesiasticos, et alios, per quos rei veritas sciri poterit evidentius, vocatis coram vobis qui de jure fuerint evocandi, die et loco quos ad hoc duxeritis statuendos, cum diligentia qua convenit, super omnibus et singulis hujusmodi defectibus inquiratis; videlicet, qui defectus imminebant tempore quo dominus Radulphus de Dalton', qui nuper possessioni dictæ vicariæ incumbebat, utrum aliquid, post admissionem dictæ vicariæ, recepit, pro defectibus tunc imminentibus reparandis, et quantum, necnon qui defectus, tempore quo ultimo dictam vicariam tenuit, imminebant, ac ex quanto omnes hujusmodi defectus poterunt resarciri. Qualiter autem præsens mandatum fueritis executi, nos, quamcitius commode poteritis, per

A.D. 1314. vestras patentes literas, harum seriem continentes, redAn. Episc. 3.
datis certiores. Valete. Datum apud Stoketon', xxvij°. die Maii, anno Domini millesimo trecentesimo quartodecimo, et pontificatus nostri tertio.

Letter to Robert de Brompton, to deliver certain moneys which the bishop owes, as also a sum for providing fish.

Memorandum.— Quod xxviij°. die Maii, anno Domini M°.ccc°.xiiij°., emanavit quædam litera domino Roberto de Brompton', ad liberandum Andreæ de Bromptoft' vij. *li.* xviij. *d.* in quibus ei dominus tenebatur, et ad liberandum eidem x. *li.* pro piscibus providendis.

Acquittance by the bishop of Durham to the prior and convent of Durham for certain moneys as part of the subsidy imposed by pope Clement V. for the Holy Land.

Acquietancia septingentarum librarum de decima sexanniali. Christi fidelibus pateat per præsentes, quod nos, Ricardus, permissione divina, Dunelmensis episcopus, decimæ sexannialis, per dominum Clementem, divina providentia, Papam, Quintum, in subsidium Terræ Sanctæ impositæ, in nostris civitate et diœcesi collectores, recepimus a dilectis filiis, priore et conventu Dunolmensibus, ad collectionem ejusdem per nos assumptis, per manus dominorum Willelmi de Couton' et Johannis de Seton', septingentas libras sterlingorum, in partem solutionis decimæ supradictæ, de primo anno impositionis ejusdem; quam quidem pecuniam fatemur nos recepisse, et habere in deposito, liberandam illi vel illis, cui vel quibus liberari debebit, cum super hoc fuerimus congrue requisiti. In cujus rei testimonium, sigillum nostrum præsentibus duximus apponendum. Datum apud Stoketon', xxix°. die Maii, anno Domini M°.ccc°.xiiij°., et pontificatus nostri tertio.

Et memorandum, quod in ista acquietancia continentur omnes summæ quæ in literis præcedentibus continentur, sibi factis super solutione ejusdem decimæ sexannialis.

Letter to deliver the acquittance, and to receive other acquittances.

Litera ad liberandum acquietanciam, et ad recipiendum alias acquietancias. Ricardus, permissione divina, Dunelmensis episcopus, dilecto filio, domino Hugoni de Monte Alto, salutem, gratiam et benedictionem. Literas acquietanciæ super

An. Episc. 3. solutione quingentarum librarum, de primo anno impositionis decimæ sexannialis per dominum Clementem, Papam Quintum, factæ, religiosis viris, dominis priori et conventui ecclesiæ nostræ Dunolmensis, ad colligendum eandem decimam per nos assumptis, tradendam, vobis mittimus, per præsentium portitorem, mandantes quatenus, receptis ab eisdem quibuscunque literis nostris, cedulis, seu talliis, super particularibus solutionibus, quarum summæ in præmissis integraliter continentur per nos sibi prius factis, præfatis priori et conventui prædictas literas liberetis. Valete. Datum apud Stoketon' xxix°. die Maii, pontificatus nostri anno tertio. A.D. 1314.

Annus Quartus.

Mandate to the chancellor of Durham, to issue letters for the caption of Robert del Walle, excommunicated at the instance of Eva his wife.

Memorandum.— Quod xxx°. die Maii, anno Domini supradicto, et pontificatus nostri quarto, directa fuit quædam litera cancellario Dunolmensi, pro captione Roberti del Walle, excommunicati, ad instantiam Evæ, uxoris suæ.

Mandate to supersede the punishment of a certain nun of Halistan.

Quod supersedeatur correctioni faciendæ super excessu cujusdam monialis.

Ricardus, permissione divina, Dunelmensis episcopus, dilecto filio, domini archidiaconi Northumbriæ officiali, salutem, gratiam et benedictionem. Correctioni criminis lapsus carnis, quem quædam monialis de Halistan, observantiæ regularis immemor, et thalamum pudoris egressa, cum quodam laico sæculari dicitur commisisse, (quam quidem correctionem ad examen vestrum, auctoritate archidiaconali, nitimini asserere pertinere,) certis de causis, absque vocatione aliqua ejusdem, supersedere vos petimus et rogamus, quousque vobiscum habuerimus colloquium personale; præsertim cum contra religiosas personas, sicut et contra sæculares, non deceat in talibus procedere, seu eas in locis publicis convenire; ne decor religionis ex hoc, propter

A.D. 1314. culpas singularium personarum, maculam seu rugam contrahat, et vilescat, ac eadem in opprobrium vergat, malitiis hominum exquisitis. Valete. Datum apud Stoketon', penultimo die Maii, consecrationis nostræ anno quarto. An. Episc. 4.

Appointment of Gilbert de Scaresbek as warden of all forests, chaces, parks, woods, and coal mines, within the liberty of Durham.

Commissio forestarii. Ricardus, permissione divina, Dunolmensis episcopus, dilecto et fideli suo, Gilberto de Scaresbek', salutem, gratiam et benedictionem. De tuæ fidelitatis et circumspectionis industria plenam in Domino fiduciam obtinentes, custodiam forestarum, chacearum, parcorum, et aliorum boscorum nostrorum quorumcunque, necnon minerarum carbonum, infra libertatem nostram Dunolmensem, existentium, ita tamen quod in omnibus quæ ad forestarium hujusmodi pertinent, te exhibeas diligentem, ac de universis proficuis de eisdem forestis et chaceis, parcis, boscis, et mineris provenientibus, nobis fideliter respondeas, sicut hactenus fieri consuevit, tibi committimus per præsentes;

f. 123 b. mandantes ut subforestarii et alii fideles nostri in hiis quæ ad custodiam dictarum forestarum et minerarum spectant, tibi intendant, et obediant, juxta consuetudinem, in hac parte hactenus usitatam. In cujus rei testimonium, has literas nostras tibi fieri, et nostro sigillo fecimus consignari, quamdiu nobis placuerit duraturas. Datam apud Stokton', ultimo die Maii, anno Domini millesimo cccxiiij., et pontificatus nostri quarto.

Acquittance to Hugh de Lokyngton for 6*l*.

Memorandum.— Quod vj. die Junii, anno Domini M°. ccc°. quartodecimo, habuit dominus Hugo de Lokyngton unam acquietenciam de vj. libris.

Authorization by the bishop for the sale of wool from his store.

Mandatum speciale ad vendendum quosdam saccos lanæ.[1] Universis Christi fidelibus pateat per præsentes, quod nos, Ricardus, permissione divina, Dunolmensis episcopus, damus et concedimus plenam et specialem potestatem dilectis clericis nostris, domino Thomæ de Hessewell', et magistro Johanni de Snaynton, conjunctim, et uni ipso-

[1] This, and the following marginal note have been misplaced in the MS.

An. Episc. 4. rum per se, quem præsentes literas exhibere contigerit, vendendi, nomine nostro, viginti saccos lanæ, de exitu stauri nostri de anno Domini M°.CCC°.XV°., modo et forma, ac pretio, quos viderint, vel viderit, expedire; et pecuniam pro lana hujusmodi recipiendi, et acquietanciam faciendi de eadem; ac ad obligandum nos, et ecclesiam nostram, ad solutionem tot saccorum lanæ quibuscunque volentibus lanam hujusmodi emere ab eisdem, vel altero eorundem, modo et forma quos emptores hujusmodi, pro securitate sua, magis viderint expedire; ratum et firmum habituri quicquid præfati Thomas et Johannes, vel unus ipsorum, nomine nostro, et ecclesiæ nostræ prædictæ, fecerint, vel fecerit, in præmissis. In cujus rei testimonium, sigillum nostrum præsentibus duximus apponendum. Datum apud Rykhale, vj°. die mensis Junii, anno Domini M°.CCC°.xiiij°., et pontificatus nostri quarto. A.D. 1314.

Obligatorium ad contrahendum mutuum usque mille libras.

Special mandate for raising a loan of 1,000*l.*

Universis sanctæ matris ecclesiæ filiis pateat per præsentes, quod nos, Ricardus, permissione divina, Dunolmensis episcopus, dilectos nobis in Christo, dominum Thomam de Hessewell' et magistrum Johannem de Snaynton' conjunctim, et quemlibet ipsorum per se, divisim in solidum, procuratores nostros et nuncios fecimus speciales, ad contrahendum mutuum, nostro et ecclesiæ nostræ Dunolmensis nomine, cum quibusdam mercatoribus, et aliis, secum contrahere volentibus, usque ad summam mille librarum sterlingorum, et ipsam summam, in toto vel in parte, semel vel diversis vicibus, recipiendum, et ipsam in voluntatem nostram, et ecclesiæ nostræ prædictæ, convertendum; et ad obligandum nos, ecclesiam nostram prædictam, et specialiter manerium nostrum de Hoveden, cum omnibus juribus, exitibus, et pertinentiis suis; et manerium prædictum, cum dictis exitibus et pertinentiis, ad firmam dimittendum, modo et forma quibus ipsi, vel unus ipsorum, ad utilitatem nostram magis viderint [vel viderit] expedire; necnon

A.D. 1314. ad obligandum omnia bona nostra mobilia ad solutionem summæ pecuniæ supradictæ fideliter faciendam, loco et terminis quos, ad hoc, ipsi, vel unus eorum, duxerint, vel duxerit, statuendos, sub quibuscunque pœnis et censuris, ecclesiasticis et civilibus, quas pro securitate contrahentium, viderint, vel duxerint, eligendas; et ad juramentum corporaliter in anima nostra præstandum, de solvendo dictam pecuniam fideliter, loco et terminis ad hoc specialiter assignatis; ac etiam ad renunciandum exceptioni non numeratæ pecuniæ, loci et fori privilegio, et omnibus aliis exceptionibus et defensionibus, quæ contra præmissa tacite vel expresse objici poterunt quovis modo; necnon ad submittendum nos, et ecclesiam nostram, ac manerium prædictum, cum suis pertinentiis, jurisdictioni et coercioni cujuscunque judicis ecclesiastici vel sæcularis, quos creditores pecuniæ prædictæ ad hoc duxerint eligendos; et etiam ad specialiter recognoscendum coram cancellario, vel thesaurario, seu ipsius locum tenente, et baronibus de Scaccario domini nostri, regis Angliæ illustris, nos teneri et obligari in pecunia supradicta; ita quod, si in solutione dictæ pecuniæ defecerimus, quod absit, in toto vel in parte, terminis assignatis, extunc de bonis et catallis nostris, ubicunque inventis, auctoritate domini nostri regis prædicti, ipsa pecunia integraliter levetur, una cum damnis, expensis, et interesse, quæ creditores ipsius pecuniæ sustinuerint et fecerint, pro retardatione solutionis pecuniæ memoratæ; et ad omnia alia et singula faciendum, sine quibus plena securitas creditoribus hujusmodi parare non poterunt, in hac parte, etiam si mandatum exigant speciale: ratum et firmum habituri quicquid præfati Thomas et Johannes, vel unus ipsorum, nomine nostro, et ecclesiæ nostræ Dunolmensis, fecerint vel fecerit, in præmissis, et singulis præmissorum. In cujus rei testimonium, sigillum nostrum præsentibus duximus apponendum. Datum apud Rykhale, vj°. die mensis Junii, anno Domini M°.ccc°.xiiij°., et pontificatus nostri quarto. An. Episc. 4.

An. Episc. 4. Admissio finis pro servitio episcopi. Vide quot feoda tenet, infra in ultimo quaterno, post quaternos cartarum, vj. folio.[1]

A.D. 1314. Admission of the fines for the service due to the king by the bishop of Durham for the war in Scotland; with reference to the ensuing context, as to the bishop's knights' fees.

Omnibus ad quos præsentes literæ pervenerint, Robertus de Pykeryng', decanus ecclesiæ beati Petri Eboracensis, et Stephanus de Malo Lacu, archidiaconus Clyveland', potestatem habentes per commissionem domini Edwardi, Dei gratia, Regis Angliæ, fines recipiendi ab archiepiscopis, episcopis, abbatibus, prioribus, et omnibus ecclesiasticis personis, ac mulieribus, et aliis debilibus, ad laborandum impotentibus, de comitatibus Eboraci, Northumbriæ, Cumbriæ, Westmerlandiæ, et Lancastriæ, qui servitia dicto domino nostro regi facere debent in guerra sua, in partibus Scotiæ, contra Robertum de Brus, proditorem suum, et alios sibi adhærentes, salutem in Domino. Noveritis quod venerabilis pater, dominus Ricardus, Dei gratia, Dunelmensis episcopus, personaliter apud Eboracum constitutus, die Lunæ proxima post festum Sanctæ Trinitatis, anno regni dicti domini regis Edwardi, filii regis Edwardi, septimo, coram nobis, fatebatur quod ipse tenet de dicto domino nostro rege ix. feoda militum; pro quorum feodorum servitiis idem episcopus finem fecit ibidem dicto domino nostro regi, pro centum et viginti libris sterlingorum, videlicet, faciendo pro servitio cujuslibet feodi, viginti marcas; in quibus quidem centum et viginti libris, idem episcopus recognovit se teneri eidem domino nostro regi, coram nobis. Et similiter, idem episcopus concessit, quod si ipse servitia pro pluribus feodis dicto domino nostro regi, debeat, quam pro novem feodis supradictis, paratus est, et erit, satisfacere eidem domino nostro regi, pro servitio cujuslibet feodi, de viginti marcis, in forma supradicta. Nos vero, Robertus et Stephanus, finem, concessionem, et recognitionem, quas a dicto episcopo inde admisimus, acceptamus, quantum in nobis est, et approbamus. In cujus rei testimonium has literas nostras sigillis nostris signatas, eidem episcopo fieri fecimus patentes. Datum apud Eboracum, die et anno supradictis. f. 124.

[1] See p. 561.

A.D. 1314. Mandate, by the bishop, for prayers and supplications to be offered for the king's success in his war in Scotland.

Ut fiant orationes et preces pro rege.

An. Episc. 4.

Ricardus, permissione divina, Dunolmensis episcopus, dilectis filiis .. priori et conventui ecclesiæ nostræ Dunolmensis, salutem, gratiam et benedictionem. Quum ex devotarum orationum instantia guerrarum discrimina, mentium inquietudines fidelium, et gravium dissensionum amaritudines cessant multotiens, et dulcescunt, ac animorum indemnitas, pacis beatitudo desiderabilis, et quietis certitudo, succrescunt exinde, et solide nutriuntur, ac per eam ad viam rectitudinis reducuntur plerique in devium oberrantes, ad excitandum in fervore dilectionis subditos nostros, ut pro pace et tranquillitate ecclesiæ Anglicanæ, ac illustrissimi domini nostri regis, et regni sui, assidue intercedant, Deo fore placidum credimus, et populo suo Christiano non modicum profuturum. Profecto, cum Robertus de Brus, se faciens regem Scotiæ nominari, ac sui complices, suæ salutis, ac fidelitatis qua dicto domino nostro regi, tenentur, immemores, imbuti fæce tyrannica, conflatis viribus, tanquam vir unus, contra dictum dominum nostrum regem, arma sumpserint, et ad demolitionem ipsius, et regni sui, unanimi nequitia seductorie conspirarint, adeo quod in partibus Marchiarum villas combusserint nonnullas, castra ceperint proditionaliter, et prostraverint, non sine multorum innocentium effusione sanguinis truculenta, et, quod deterius est, ac auditui Deum timentium horribilius, ecclesias et alia loca sacra non sunt veriti hostiliter ingredi, ea ornamentis ecclesiasticis, et rebus aliis in eis existentibus, ferociter spoliando, unde eos in sententiam excommunicationis majoris incidisse dubium non existit, necnon incolas dictarum Marchiarum tributarios effecerint, et alia quamplurima dispendia, quæ nullo tempore resarciri poterunt, obprobiose et inhumaniter perpetrarint; præfatus dominus noster rex, velut rex inclytus, rex cui benedixit Dominus, rex plenus affluentia pie-

[1] There is a mark here, referring to a document on the same subject on f. 125 (p. 561).

An. Episc. 4. tatis, ex hujusmodi facinoribus detestabilibus, Deo et ecclesiæ crudeliter irrogatis, turbatus graviter, et commotus, ad ipsorum edomandum proterviam, et obtundendum superbiæ calcaneum, quem in se tam præsumptuosis animis erexerunt, divina favente clementia, versus partes Scotiæ, cum exercitu suo, in manu potenti, dirigit notabiliter iter suum, corpus proprium tædiosis laboribus et periculis exponere non pavescens; unde nos, attendentes quod nec in [1] hasta, nec in gladio, salvat Dominus, sed potius in effusione precaminum devotorum, et idcirco mentes subditorum nostrorum ad devotionem hujusmodi, quantum seriosius possimus, allicere cupientes, vobis universis et singulis firmiter injungimus, et mandamus, quatenus in singulis missis per vos de cætero celebrandis, pro salubri statu et prospero dicti domini nostri regis, ipsiusque exercitus, et sibi fideliter adhærentium, mentionem curetis facere specialem: ita quod orationes illæ quæ pro pace diu consueverunt in missis vestris, nullatenus omittantur, sed, cum devotione debita, adjiciantur eisdem preces aliæ congruentes, ut ipse Rex regum, Cujus dextera reges et principes protegit et tuetur, ipsum, cum toto exercitu suo, feliciter præservet a noxiis, et virtutum in eis adaugeat incrementa, quatenus, obtento triumpho de suis hostibus gratioso, regno Angliæ reddatur pacis tranquillitas, ecclesiæ pristina libertas, et ipse dominus noster rex, ubique per semitas mandatorum Domini salubrius dirigatur. Et nos, de ipsius Omnipotentis Dei misericordia, gloriosæ Virginis Mariæ matris suæ, beatorum apostolorum Petri et Pauli, necnon sanctissimi confessoris Cuthberti, omniumque sanctorum, meritis et precibus, confidentes, omnibus parochianis nostris, et aliis, quorum diœcesani hanc nostram indulgentiam ratam habuerint, et acceptam, de peccatis suis vere contritis, pœnitentibus, et confessis, qui pro eisdem domino nostro rege, suoque exercitu, devote oraverint, ut est dictum, A.D. 1314. f. 124 b.

[1] 1 Samuel, xxii. 47.

A.D. 1314. quadraginta dies de injuncta sibi pœnitentia, Deo pro- An. Episc. 4.
pitio, misericorditer relaxamus. Et ut cæteri Christi fideles ad orandum devotius invitentur, et ex hoc indulgentiam plenius et frequentius consequi mereantur, præsentes literas in processionibus vestris, diebus Dominicis et solemnibus, legi volumus, et exponi, ac copiam earundem universis fratribus in cellis commorantibus, ut ea, quæ vobis superius injunguntur, facere studeant, et implere, petimus destinari. Valete. Datum apud Richale, quinto die Junii, anno Domini millesimo etc. [ccc°.] xiiij., et pontificatus nostri quarto.

Mandate by the archbishop of York, that prayers be offered for the king's success in his war in Scotland.

Mandatum archiepiscopi Eboracensis ut fiant preces pro rege.

Willelmus, permissione divina, Eboracensis archiepiscopus, Angliæ primas, venerabili fratri nostro, domino Ricardo, Dei gratia, Dunelmensi episcopo, salutem, et fraternam in Domino caritatem. In agendis omnibus, prosperiorem evenire speramus effectum, cum in ipsorum ingressu pariter et progressu ad Illum Qui est omnium dispositor, atque rector fideles Christi spe firma suum dirigunt intuitum ipsius præsidium devotis precibus postulando. Cum igitur serenissimus princeps et dominus noster dominus Edwardus, Dei gratia, rex Angliæ illustris, cum suo exercitu, ad partes Scotiæ jam dirigat gressus suos, pro tranquillitate et securitate regni sui, ad compescendum furiosum impetum Scottorum, et ipsorum præsumptuosam rabiem repellendum, qui, suæ salutis immemores, et clavium ecclesiæ contemptores, contra fidelitatis juramentum ab eisdem præstitum, non modicas partes Marchiæ dicti regni hostiliter sunt ingressi, et nedum castra, villas, et fortalicia, tam in terra Scotiæ, quam Marchia, prædictis, verum etiam ecclesias et alia loca sacra, non sine multorum innocentium, tam clericorum quam laicorum, interitu, crudeliter invaserunt, combusserunt, et quod dolenter referimus, penitus devasterunt; bona etiam ecclesiastica damnabiliter rapiendo, Dei timore postposito, asportarunt, dictasque partes

An. Episc. 4. Marchiæ gravibus et importabilibus [ ] tributis miserabiliter supponendo; propter quæ eos in majoris excommunicationis sententiam incidisse ambiguum non existit: nos, attendentes fructum uberem, quem speramus, ex devotis hujusmodi orationibus divinam ad hæc clementiam inclinantibus, provenire, et, ob hoc, in caritatis visceribus, intimius affectantes nostrorum subditorum animos ad devotionem hujusmodi, quantum possumus, excitare, vobis injungimus, et mandamus, quatenus, tam in ecclesia vestra cathedrali, quam in cæteris ecclesiis collegiatis, conventualibus, et parochialibus, vestræ civitatis et diœcesis, exemptis et non exemptis, faciatis singulis missis, de cætero celebrandis, pro salubri statu, et prospero, dicti domini nostri regis, ipsiusque exercitus, et sibi adhærentium, mentionem fieri specialem: ita quod orationes illas, quæ pro pace dici consueverunt, presbyteri in suis missis cum devotione debita, dicere non omittant: ut Deus et Dominus noster, rerum omnium dispositor providus, pro sua pietate, gressus suos, et actus, dirigat et disponat, ipsumque regem, cum toto exercitu suo, ab adversis protegat et defendat; necnon pacis optatæ tranquillitatem, et sibi de inimicis suis triumphum, concedat; ad ipsius honorem, regni sui salvationem, et totius utilitatem ecclesiæ Anglicanæ. Et nos, de ipsius omnipotentis Dei misericordia, gloriosæ Virginis Mariæ matris suæ, beatorum apostolorum Petri et Pauli, necnon sanctissimi confessoris Willelmi, omniumque sanctorum, meritis et precibus confidentes, omnibus parochianis nostris, et aliis quorum diœcesani hanc nostram indulgentiam ratam habuerint, et acceptam, de peccatis suis vere contritis, pœnitentibus, et confessis, qui pro eisdem, domino nostro rege, suoque exercitu, devote oraverint, ut est dictum, quadraginta dies de injuncta sibi pœnitentia, Deo propitio, misericorditer relaxamus. Datum apud Cawod', iiij. kal. Junii, anno Gratiæ millesimo ccc°. quartodecimo, et pontificatus nostri nono. A.D. 1314.

A.D. 1314. Mandate for the delivery from prison of William de Carlisle, detained for the death of Geoffrey de Horneby.

Litera ad deliberandum quemdam qui interfecit hominem se defendendo.

Ricardus, Dei gratia, episcopus Dunolmensis, vicecomiti Dunolmensi, salutem. An. Episc. 3. Cum per literas nostras patentes perdonaverimus Willelmo de Karliolo, capto et detento in gaola nostra Dunolmensi, pro morte Galfridi de Horneby, unde rettatus est, sectam pacis nostræ quæ ad nos pertinet, pro morte prædicta; et firmam pacem nostram ei inde concesserimus, prout in literis nostris patentibus, ei inde confectis, plenius continetur, tibi præcipimus, quod prædictum Willelmum, si occasione prædicta, et non alia, detineatur in gaola prædicta, sine dilatione deliberari, et literas nostras prædictas in pleno comitatu tuo legi, et pacem nostram, ei sic concessam, publice proclamari, et teneri, faciatis, juxta tenorem literarum nostrarum prædictarum. Datum apud Dunolmum, per manus Roberti de Brompton', clerici nostri, xiij. die Junii, anno pontificatus nostri quarto.

Mandate to inquire into the state of the vicar of Corbrig.

Litera inquisitionis pro statu vicarii de Corbrig'.

Ricardus, permissione divina, Dunolmensis episcopus, dilecto filio, archidiacono Northumbriæ, vel ejus officiali, salutem, gratiam et benedictionem. Insinuantibus nobis quibusdam viris fidedignis, intelleximus, non est diu, quod dilectus filius, vicarius ecclesiæ parochialis de Corbrig', nostræ diœcesis, tanta dinoscitur ægritudinis mole premi, ut curam sibi commissam per se non potest agere, quod dolenter referimus, nec alia onera, sibi incumbentia debite supportare; propter quod de animarum periculis, quibus, ex injuncto nobis officio, obviare tenemur, sollicitis studiis, et intentis, est verisimiliter formidandum: volentes igitur super statu ipsius vicarii, ne ex mora diutiniore, grandius periculum oriatur, fieri certiores, vobis mandamus quatenus ad ecclesiam parochialem de Corbrig' vos, omissis aliis, sub celeritate congrua, personaliter conferentes, per viros ecclesiasticos et alios, per quos rei veritas sciri poterit manifestius, qua infirmitate laborat, et a quo tempore languit in

f. 125.

An. Episc. 4. eadem, utrum sit incurabilis, an sit potens ad ministrandum in parochia et ecclesia, sicut suæ competit servituti, et curam sibi traditam per se valeat exercere, et de aliis circumstantiis, prout expediens videritis, diligentius inquiratis. De die vero receptionis præsentium, et qualiter hoc mandatum nostrum curaveritis adimplere, nos statim, facta inquisitione, certificetis per literas vestras patentes, harum seriem continentes, sub sigillo vestro, et sigillis eorum per quos fiet inquisitio antedicta. Cæterum volumus vos scire, quod nisi in isto negotio, quod ferventer insidet cordi nostro, fideli curaveritis industria laborare, aliis ad id faciendum, in vestri defectum, scribere proponimus, et mandare. Valete. Datum apud Evenwod', xij°. die Junii, pontificatus nostri anno quarto. A.D. 1314

Commissio domini regis pro fine capiendo.

Royal mandate to receive the fine of 20 marks for each knight's fee for service due to the king.

Edwardus,[1] Dei gratia, rex Angliæ, dominus Hiberniæ, et dux Aquitaniæ, dilectis clericis et fidelibus suis, magistro Roberto de Pykeryng', decano ecclesiæ beati Petri Eboracensis, et Stephano de Malo Lacu, archidiacono Cliveland', salutem. Quia, ad rebellionem et malitiam Roberti de Brus, proditoris nostri, et sibi in partibus Scotiæ adhærentium, cum Dei auxilio, viriliter reprimendas, die Lunæ proxima ante festum Sancti Barnabæ apostoli proximo futurum, apud Berewicum super Twedam, cum toto servitio nobis debito, quod tunc ibidem summoneri fecimus, personaliter esse proponimus, Domino annuente, ac, de fidelitate vestra plenius confidentes, dedimus vobis potestatem, nomine nostro, fines [recipiendi] ab archiepiscopis, episcopis, abbatibus, prioribus, et omnibus ecclesiasticis personis, ac mulieribus et aliis debilibus, et ad laborandum impotentibus, de comitatibus Eboraco, Northumbria, Cumbria, Westmerl', et Lancastria, qui servitium nobis facere debent et fines pro servitiis suis nobiscum coram vobis facere

[1] See p. 555 *ante*.

A.D. 1314. voluerint, in hac parte, videlicet, pro quolibet feodo militis, viginti marcas; et ideo vobis mandamus quod ad fines illos nostro nomine recipiendos intendatis, in forma prædicta; et, cum hujusmodi fines receperitis, nobis de finibus illis, ac nominibus illorum qui fines illos fecerint, sub sigillis vestris distincte et aperte, ad Scaccarium nostrum, sine dilatione, constare faciatis. Mandavimus enim vicecomitibus nostris comitatuum prædictorum, quod archiepiscopos, episcopos, abbates, priores, et omnes ecclesiasticas personas, et alios, debiles et ad laborandum impotentes, de ballivis suis, qui servitium nobis facere debent, et fines hujusmodi coram vobis facere voluerint, summoneri faciant, quod coram nobis veniant, citra octabas Sanctæ Trinitatis proximo futuræ, apud Eboracum, ad fines hujusmodi nobiscum, coram vobis, pro servitiis suis, ibidem faciendas, in forma supradicta. In cujus rei testimonium, has literas nostras fieri fecimus patentes. Teste meipso, apud Burgum Sancti Petri, xiij. die Aprilis, anno regni nostri septimo. Per ipsum regem. An. Episc. 4.

Acquittance for 86*l.* 13*s.* 4*d.* to Robert de Brompton, the bishop's receiver.

Acquietancia receptori Dunolmensi. Pateat universis per præsentes, quod nos, Ricardus, permissione divina, Dunolmensis episcopus, recepimus a dilecto clerico nostro, domino Roberto de Brompton', receptore nostro Dunolmensi, quater viginti et sex libras, xiij. *s.* et iiij. *d.* de exitibus ejusdem scaccarii nostri, solvendos domino Radulpho filio Willelmi, in quibus ei, ex causa mutui, tenebamur. In cujus rei testimonium, sigillum nostrum præsentibus duximus apponendum. Datum apud Evenwod', xiiij. die Junii, pontificatus nostri anno quarto.

Receipt of 100*l.* from the issues of the bishop's exchequer for payment to Sir Hugh le Despenser.

Memorandum.— Quod eodem die et anno recepit dominus centum libras de eodem, de exitibus ejusdem scaccarii, solvendas nobili viro, domino Hugoni le Despenser, in quibus eidem, ex causa mutui, tenebatur.

An. Episc. 4. Litera ad deliberandum quemdam qui interfecit hominem, se defendendo.

A.D. 1314. Mandate to deliver Robert Seigneur of Bilingham from prison for the death of Adam Ivering.

Ricardus, Dei gratia, Dunolmensis episcopus, vicecomiti Dunolmensi salutem. Cum, per literas nostras patentes perdonaverimus Roberto Seigneur de Bilingham, capto et detento in gaola nostra Dunolmi, pro morte Adæ Ivering', unde rettatus est [ad] sectam pacis nostræ, quæ ad nos pertinet, pro morte prædicta; et firmam pacem nostram ei inde concesserimus, prout in literis nostris prædictis plenius continetur, tibi præcipimus, quod ipsum Robertum, si occasione prædicta, et non alia, detineatur in gaola prædicta, sine dilatione deliberari, et literas nostras prædictas in pleno comitatu tuo legi, et pacem nostram ei sic concessam publice proclamari, et teneri, facias, juxta tenorem literarum nostrarum prædictarum. Datum apud Dunolmum, per manus Roberti de Brumpton', clerici nostri, xiij. die Junii, pontificatus nostri anno quarto.

f. 125 b.

Litera ad deliberandum quemdam qui interfecit hominem se defendendo.

Mandate to deliver William Sawer of Plawesworth, from prison for the death of Richard Bateman.

Item[1] alia litera directa fuit vicecomiti Dunolmensi, pro deliberatione Willelmi Sawer de Plawesworth', capti et detenti in gaola prædicta, pro morte Ricardi Bateman, unde arrestatus fuit, sub eisdem verbis et forma. Datum die anno et loco supradictis.

Commissio custodiæ sequestri ecclesiæ de Ford'. Duplicatur.

Grant of the custody of the sequestration of the church of Ford.

Ricardus, permissione divina, Dunolmensis episcopus, dilecto sibi in Christo, domino Rogero de Northburgh', clerico, salutem, gratiam et benedictionem. Circa personam tuam plura noscentes virtutum dona concurrere, quibus amplis attolli favoribus promereris, sequestrum ecclesiæ de Ford', nostræ diœcesis, vacantis, quantum ad nos pertinet, usque festum Sancti Michaelis proximo futurum, pacifice possidendum, vobis committimus, et concedimus per præsentes; volentes, et omnibus subditis nostris injungentes, ut tibi de bonis ipsius sequestri, quantum ad eorum quemlibet pertinet, a quibuscunque

[1] *Item*] Ita in MS.

A.D. 1314. quorum interest, libere responderi permittant, et ad id partes suas efficaciter interponant. Valete. In cujus rei testimonium, has literas nostras tibi fieri fecimus patentes, sigilli nostri munimine roboratas. Datum apud Evenwod', xvj. die Junii, anno Domini M°.ccc°. xiiij°. et pontificatus nostri quarto. An. Episc. 4.

Mandate to permit Roger de Northburgh to enjoy the sequestration of the church of Ford.

Memorandum. Quod eodem die mandatum fuit Johanni de Pollowe, sequestratori, quod, relaxato sequestro ecclesiæ de Ford', permitteret dominum Rogerum gaudere pacifice sequestro prædicto.

Investment of a notary public, made by apostolic authority, with the form of his oath.

Dispensatio notarii publici, facta auctoritate apostolica. Ricardus, permissione divina, Dunolmensis episcopus, dilecto nobis, Willelmo nato Petri de Colby, clerico Lyncolniensis diœcesis, salutem, gratiam et benedictionem. Circa nos et nostra servitia sollicite conversatus, sic fideliter, devote, ac laudabiliter, te gessisti, quod ad personam tuam affectum specialitatis extendimus, et te libenter, in quibus honeste possumus, speciali prosequimur gratia et favore. Ut igitur liberius et commodius crescas de virtutibus in virtutem, et aliis etiam magis esse valeas fructuosus tibi, quem, ad obtinendum tabellionatus officium, post diligentem examinationem, auctoritate infrascriptarum literarum apostolicarum, per nos factam, sufficientem et idoneum esse reperimus, auctoritate apostolica, nobis in hac parte concessa gratiose, et commissa, per literas speciales sanctissmi patris et domini nostri, domini Benedicti Papæ, Quinti, vera bulla plumbea cum filo cannabis[1] bullatas, omni suspicione carentes, quarum tenor inferius patebit, officium tabellionatus hujusmodi, de quo, illarum literarum auctoritate, nemini gratiam fecimus usque modo, juxta formam quam in hiis Romana servat ecclesia, recepto a te prius juramento, secundum quod in dictis literis apostolicis plenius continetur, concedimus, investientes te

[1] *cannabis*] cana is, MS.

An. Episc. 4. nihilominus, auctoritate Dei omnipotentis, et beatorum Petri et Pauli, apostolorum Ejus, necnon et domini papæ præfati, de ipso tabellionatus officio, per pennam, calamarium, atque cartam, ut illud deinceps ubilibet libere, prudenter, et fideliter, valeas exercere, et ad te, cum necesse fuerit, in hiis quæ ad ipsum officium pertinent, fiducialiter recurratur. Tenor autem dictarum literarum apostolicarum, nobis, super prædictis, specialiter directarum, talis est:—Clemens episcopus, servus servorum Dei, venerabili fratri . . . episcopo Dunelmensi, salutem, et apostolicam benedictionem. Ne contractuum memoria deperiret, inventum est tabellionatus officium, quo contractus legitimi, ad cautelam præsentium et memoriam futurorum manu publica notarentur. Unde interdum sedes apostolica prædictum officium personis quæ ad illud reperiuntur idoneæ, concedere consuevit, ut illud prudenter et fideliter exequantur, et ad eas, cum necesse fuerit in hiis quæ ad officium ipsum pertinent, recurratur. Hinc est quod nos, tuis supplicationibus inclinati, fraternitati tuæ concedendi officium ipsum duabus personis, quas ad illud, post diligentem examinationem, idoneas esse repereris, prius ab eis juramento, juxta formam præsentibus annotatam, recepto, plenam concedimus, auctoritate præsentium, facultatem. Forma autem juramenti, quod ipsarum personarum quælibet præstabit, talis est:—Ego . . . juro, quod ab hac hora in antea fidelis ero Beato Petro et sanctæ Romanæ ecclesiæ, ac domino Clementi, Papæ V., et successoribus ejus canonice intrantibus. Non ero in consilio, aut auxilio, consensu vel facto, ut vitam perdant, aut membrum, vel capiantur mala captione. Consilium quod mihi per se vel literas aut nuncium manifestabunt, ad eorum damnum, scienter nemini pandam. Si vero ad meam notitiam aliquid devenire contingat, quod in periculum Romani pontificis, aut ecclesiæ Romanæ, vergeret, seu grave damnum, illud pro posse impediam, et si hoc impedire A.D. 1314

A.D. 1314. non possem, procurabo, bona fide, id ad notitiam domini papæ perferri. Papatum Romanum, ac regalia beati Petri, et jura ipsius ecclesiæ, specialiter, si quæ[1] eadem ecclesia in civitate, vel terra, de qua sum oriundus, habeat, adjutor ero ad defendendum et retinendum, seu recuperandum, contra omnes homines. Tabellionatus officium fideliter exercebo. Contractus f. 126. in quibus exigitur consensus partium, fideliter faciam, nil addendo, vel minuendo, sine voluntate partium, quod substantiam contractus immutet. Si vero in conficiendo aliquod instrumentum, unius solius partis sit requirenda voluntas, hoc ipsum faciam, ut, scilicet, nil addam, vel minuam, quod immutet facti substantiam, contra voluntatem ipsius. Instrumentum non conficiam de aliquo contractu, in quo sciam intervenire, seu intercedere, vim vel fraudem. Contractus in protocollum redigam, et, postquam in protocollum redegero, malitiose non differam, contra voluntatem illorum, vel illius, quorum est contractus, super eo conficere publicum instrumentum, salvo meo justo et consueto salario. Sic me [Deus] adjuvet, et hæc Sancta Dei Evangelia.—Datum in prioratu de Gransello, prope Malausanam, Vasionensis diœcesis, vj. id. Junii, pontificatus nostri anno septimo.—In quorum omnium testimonium, has nostras literas, sigillo nostro munitas, auctoritate apostolica, nobis in hac parte concessa, tibi concessimus, et fieri fecimus patentes. Datum apud Stebenheth', Londoniensis diœcesis, ultimo die Februarii, anno Dominicæ Incarnationis M°.CCC°. tertiodecimo, et consecrationis nostræ tertio.

An. Episc. 4.

Acquittance to Robert de Brompton, the bishop's receiver, for 20*l.* of the issues of the exchequer of Durham.

Acquietancia. Pateat universis per præsentes, quod nos, Ricardus, permissione divina, Dunolmensis episcopus, recepimus de domino Roberto de Brompton', receptore nostro Dunolmensi, viginti libras sterlingorum, de exitibus scaccarii nostri. In cujus rei testimonium,

[1] *quæ*] "qua" in MS.

An. Episc. 4. sigillum nostrum præsentibus est appensum. Datum apud Evenwod', xx. die Junii, anno pontificatus nostri quarto. A.D. 1314.

Certificatorium officialis Northumbriæ, super debilitate vicarii de Brankeston'.

Certificate of the official of Northumberland, relative to the infirmities of the vicar of Brankeston.

Reverendissimo in Christo patri et domino, domino Ricardo, Dei gratia, Dunolmensi episcopo, suus domini archidiaconi Northumbriæ officialis, salutem, obedientiam, reverentiam, pariter et honorem. Mandatum vestrum nuper recepi in hæc verba:—Ricardus, permissione divina, Dunolmensis episcopus, dilecto filio, officiali archidiaconi Northumbriæ, salutem, gratiam et benedictionem. Cum dominus Rogerus de Milborn', perpetuus vicarius ecclesiæ de Brankiston', perpetua laborat infirmitate, adeo quod ecclesiæ suæ deservire non poterit, ut intelleximus; nosque, nolentes[1] curam animarum in dicta parochia negligi, seu ecclesiam debitis defraudari obsequiis, vobis mandamus quatenus, quamcitius commode poteritis, debitam faciatis inquisitionem, et solitam in hoc casu; an dictus vicarius tali adversa detineatur valetudine, et an sit perpetua vel temporalis, ita quod ecclesiæ suæ prædictæ, et parochianis ejusdem, deservire et ministrare non poterit, ut est justum. Et quid in præmissis feceritis, nos, vel officialem nostrum, citra festum Apostolorum Petri et Pauli, per literas vestras patentes, harum seriem continentes, distincte et aperte reddatis certiores. Datum apud Evenwod', xvj°. kal. Julii, anno Domini M°.ccc°. quartodecimo, et pontificatus nostri quarto.

Hujus igitur auctoritate mandati, diligentem feci inquisitionem, per rectorem ecclesiæ de Staninglon', necnon per vicarios ecclesiarum de Hertborn', Eglingeham, Alnam, Hedourn, Neuburn', et de Novo Castro, ac etiam per dominos Johannen Prudow', Adam Keler, Robertum de Midilton', Willelmum de Irby, et Willelmum

[1] *nolentes*] volentes, MS.

A.D. 1314. de Kellow, capellanos; qui dicunt jurati, quod dictus dominus Rogerus, perpetuus vicarius ecclesiæ de Brankiston' antedictæ, tali laborat infirmitate perpetua, quod ecclesiæ suæ prædictæ, et parochianis suis, deservire et ministrare non potest, sicut decet. In cujus rei testimonium, sigillum officialitatis Northumbriæ præsentibus est appensum. Datum apud Novum Castrum super Tynam, xiij. kal. Junii, anno Domini M°.ccc°. quartodecimo. An. Episc. 4.

Acquittance to the official of Durham, of certain fifteenths granted to the king by the clergy at Northampton.

Acquietancia officiali Dunolmensi de quintadecima.

Pateat universis per præsentes, quod nos, Ricardus, permissione divina, Dunolmensis episcopus, recepimus de magistro Willelmo de Quicham, officiali nostro Dunolmensi, de beneficiis ecclesiasticis infrascriptis, videlicet;—de priore de Tynemouth, xiij. *li.* vj. *s.* viij. *d.*; de abbate de Alnewyk' xl. *s.*; de priore Dunolmensi, xlvj. *li.* vj. *s.* viij. *d.*; de rectore de Ovyngham, vj. *li.* viij. *s.* iiij. *d. q^n.*; de priorissa de Halistan, liij. *s.* ij. *d.*; et de rectore de Knaresdale, vj. *s.* viij. *d.*; de quintadecima domino nostro regi a clero, apud Norhampton', concessa. In cujus rei testimonium, præsentibus sigillum nostrum est appensum. Datum apud Evenwod', xx°. die mensis Junii, anno Domini M°.ccc°.xiiij°. et pontificatus nostri quarto.

Acquittance to the official of Durham, of the moiety granted by the clergy to the late king.

Acquietancia officiali Dunolmensi de medietate.

Pateat universis per præsentes, quod nos, Ricardus, permissione divina, Dunolmensis episcopus, recepimus de magistro Willelmo de Quicham, officiali nostro Dunelmensi, de bonis et beneficiis ecclesiasticis infrascriptis, videlicet;—de ecclesia de Whitebern', xxxiij. *s.* iiij. *d.*; de ecclesia de Ovyngham, c. *s*; de portione quæ fuit Thomæ de Levesham in ecclesiæ Cestr', iiij. *li.* viij. *s.* x. *d. ob.*; et de vicaria de Hautwisel, cvj. *s.* viij. *d.*; de medietate, celebris memoriæ, domino Edwardo, quondam regi Angliæ, patri domini regis qui nunc est, a clero concessa. In cujus rei testimonium, præsentibus sigillum nostrum duximus apponendum. Datum apud Evenwod', xx°.

An Episc 4. die mensis Junii, anno Domini M°.ccc°. quartodecimo, A.D. 1314. et pontificatus nostri quarto.

Revocatio inquisitionis super defectibus ecclesiæ de Norton'.

f. 126 b. Annulment of the revocation of the inquisition ordered to be made relative to the defects of the church of Norton.

Ricardus, permissione divina, Dunolmensis episcopus, dilecto filio . . officiali nostro Dunolmensi, salutem, gratiam et benedictionem. Cum inquisitionem, auctoritate nostra alias factam, super defectibus cancelli, vestimentorum, librorum, et aliorum ornamentorum, ecclesiæ parochialis de Norton', nostræ diœcesis, ac etiam domorum, prædiorum, et rerum aliarum, ad vicarium dictæ ecclesiæ, et vicariam suam, pertinentium, ex causa, duximus revocandam: nosque, variis et arduis præpediti, hujusmodi inquisitionis negotio intendere non valentes, vobis mandamus quatenus, vocatis qui fuerint evocandi, inquisitionem super defectibus hujusmodi, ex vestro officio, diligenter ac fideliter faciatis, ulterius in dicto negotio procedentes, pronunciantes, et etiam exequentes, prout, secundum qualitatem et naturam ejusdem negotii, fuerit faciendum. Valete. Datum apud Crayk', xxiij°. die Junii, pontificatus nostri anno quarto.

Amotio sequestri.

Removal of the sequestration of the church of Hoghton.

Ricardus etc., dilecto filio, Johanni de Pollowe, sequestratori nostro, salutem, etc. Decimas cujusdam assarti, prætextu quarum aliqualis controversia inter caros filios, de Hoghton', et Seham ecclesiarum parochialium rectores, et, ob id, eisdem decimis sub sequestro remanentibus, est suborta, ad utilitatem alterutrius partium, sed tamen ne alteri præjudicium vel injuria pariatur, ex certis causis, converti volentes, vobis mandamus quatenus, recepta sufficienti securitate de præfato domino rectore de Hoghton', quod quicquid jus exegerit, fieri in hac parte faciet in eventu, prædictas decimas, amoto inde sequestro, domino Stephano, dictæ ecclesiæ rectori, salvo jure partis alterius, integraliter liberetis, eundem de ipsis disponere, prout sibi congruum viderit, quousque a nobis super

A.D. 1314. hoc aliud in mandatis habueritis, permittentes. Valete. An. Episc. 4. Datum apud Rykhale, xxvj°. die Junii, pontificatus nostri anno quarto.

Commission to administer to the church of Corbrygg', the vicar being incapacitated from his cure through infirmity.

Commissio curæ vicariæ de Corbrig'.

Ricardus, permissione divina, Dunolmensis episcopus, dilecto filio, domino Simoni de Fresingfeld', salutem, gratiam et benedictionem. Ex suscepto servitutis officio, facti, secundum Apostolum,[1] "sapientibus et insipientibus debitores," hiis propensius adesse tenemur, qui sibi deesse videntur, sollicitius providendo quibus minus propria providentia suffragatur. Cum igitur dominus Walterus de Warthewyk', perpetuus vicarius de Corbrygg', tali infirmitate laborare noscatur, sicut pateat manifeste per inquisitionem, auctoritate nostra, inde factam, quod, nequiens in eadem vicaria per se debite ministrare, aut parochiæ, prout suo competit officio, deservire, cura indigeat aliena, tibi, de cujus fideli circumspectione magnam fiduciam gerimus et habemus, curam dicti vicarii, et vicariæ suæ; ita tamen, quod parochiæ ipsius ecclesiæ de Corbrigg', per te, vel per alium, honeste facias in omnibus deservire, ac eidem vicario, juxta facultates dictæ vicariæ suæ, congrue necessaria exhibere, tenore præsentium, duximus committendam. In cujus rei testimonium, sigillum nostrum præsentibus duximus apponendum. Datum apud Rykhale, xxv. die Junii, anno Domini M°.ccc°. quarto decimo, et consecrationis nostræ quarto.

General sentence of excommunication against the robbers of the house of William de Quicham at Newcastle.

Generalis sententia pro bonis surreptis.

Ricardus, permissione divina, etc., dilectis filiis, decano Novi Castri, capellanisque parochialibus per municipium Novi Castri constitutis, salutem, gratiam et benedictionem. Ex gravi conquestione dilecti filii nostri magistri Willelmi de Quicham, intelleximus non est diu quod quidam iniquitatis filii, quorum nomina ignorantur, non modicæ

[1] *Romans*, i. 14.

An. Episc. 4. quantitatis pecuniam, vasa argentea et deaurata, necnon res alias, in cistis suis, infra domum suam apud Novum Castrum, per ipsum repositis, dictas cistas clavibus adulterinis, modisque aliis et viis, dolose aperiendo, furtive surripiebant, et etiam asportarunt; propter quod non est dubium hujusmodi facinoris perpetratores in majoris excommucationis sententiam, ipso facto, damnabiliter incidisse. Quocirca vobis, et cuilibet vestrum, districte præcipiendo, mandamus quatinus dicti facinoris perpetratores in hujusmodi majoris excommunicationis sententiam incidisse, cum sibi faventibus, consentientibus, opemque præstantibus, in hac parte, in ecclesiis vestris, intra missarum solemnia, cum major affuerit populi multitudo, singulis diebus Dominicis et festivis, pulsatis campanis, accensisque candelis, et extinctis, publice nuncietis, et nunciari faciatis. Valete. Datum apud Crayk', xxiiij°. die Junii, pontificatus nostri anno quarto. A.D. 1314.

Absolutio cujusdam qui consensit extrahentibus et interficientibus eos qui confugerant ad ecclesiam.

Universis Christi fidelibus præsentes literas inspecturis, Ricardus, permissione divinâ, Dunolmensis episcopus, salutem in omnium Salvatore. Universitati vestræ innotescere volumus per præsentes, quod nos, auctoritate venerabilis patris, domini Arnaldi, Dei gratia, tituli Sanctæ Priscæ, presbyteri cardinalis, nuper in Anglia nuncii, nobis in hac parte commissa, Robertum de Luda, quem, pro eo quod extrahentibus quosdam laicos de ecclesia fratrum Beatæ Mariæ de Monte Carmeli, in Novo Castro, qui ibidem, ad vitam eorum salvandam, confugerant, necique eorum, consilium præstitit, auxilium, et favorem, auctoritate nostra ordinaria, excommunicatum fore publice fecimus nunciari, considerata qualitate personæ, et delicti circumstantiis, reatum suum confitentem, et absolutionis beneficium petentem humiliter et devote, in forma juris, duximus absolvendum, injuncta eidem, prout expediens vidimus, pœnitentia salutari; volentes

Absolution granted to one who connived at the withdrawal and putting to death of those who had fled to sanctuary in the church at Newcastle.

A.D. 1314. eundem Robertum, si pœnitentiam sibi injunctam canonice compleverit, et infra tempus quo illud compleri mandavimus, remanere sic penitus absolutum: alioquin, si eandem neglexerit contemptibiliter adimplere, in eandem sententiam extunc retrudimus, per præsentes: et eidem injunximus, quod, si ecclesiæ cujus immunitatem violavit, non satisfecerit, satisfaciat competenter: unde eundem Robertum, in forma prædicta, quantum ad vos, et quemlibet vestrum, spectat, reputetis de cætero canonice absolutum. In cujus rei testimonium, sigillum nostrum præsentibus est appensum. Datum apud Evenwod', viij. die Junii, anno Domini etc. [M°.ccc°.] xiiij°., et pontificatus nostri quarto. An. Episc. 4. f. 127.

Commission to administer to the cure of the vicarage of Brankeston, during the infirmity of Roger de Milburn, the vicar.

Commissio curæ vicariæ de Milburn'.

Ricardus, permissione divina, etc., dilecto filio, domino Willelmo de Espeley, capellano, salutem, gratiam et benedictionem. De tuæ circumspectæ discretionis industria plenam in Domino fiduciam obtinentes, curam domini Rogeri de Milburn', perpetui vicarii de Brankeston', et vicariæ suæ, eo quod idem dominus Rogerus, adversa et perpetua infirmitate, (prout nobis constat, per diligentem inquisitionem, inde, auctoritate nostra, factam,) jam laborat, ita quod ecclesiæ suæ, et parochianis, deservire et ministrare non poterit, prout decet, tibi, tenore præsentium, duximus committendam; ita tamen, quod dictæ ecclesiæ, et parochianis ejusdem, per te in omnibus honeste deserviatur, ac etiam dominus Rogerus, perpetuus vicarius antedictus, secundum vires dictæ vicariæ suæ, in omnibus exhibeatur. In cujus rei testimonium, has literas nostras tibi fieri fecimus patentes, sigilli nostri munimine roboratas. Datum apud Evenwod', xix°. die Junii, anno Domini M°.ccc°. quartodecimo, et pontificatus nostri quarto.

Commission to hear and determine the suit between

Commissio.

Ricardus, permissione divina, etc., dilecto filio, magistro Willelmo de Quicham, decano ecclesiæ collegiatæ de Langcestr', salutem, gratiam et

An. Episc. 4. benedictionem. Ad cognoscendum, procedendum, diffiniendum, et exequendum, in causa quæ vertitur, seu verti speratur, inter Willelmum de Edenhale et Willelmum de Clyfton', clericos, ut dicunt, actores, ex parte una, et Johannem filium Roberti de Thorptheules, Sibillam uxorem ejus, Ricardum filium ejusdem, Willelmum le Sotheron', Thomam filium Galfridi, Robertum fratrem suum, Ranulphum Messorem, Adam Molendinarium, Gregorium de Laton', Johannem de Carleton', Rogerum servientem domini de Blaykeston', Robertum Rasshe, et Ranulphum Carectarium de Wolveston', reos, ex altera, super violenta manuum injectione, vobis, de cujus circumspectione plene confidimus, vices nostras committimus, cum potestate coercionis canonicæ, donec eas duxerimus revocandas. Valete. Datum Dunolmi, xvij°. die Junii, pontificatus nostri anno quarto. A.D. 1314. certain parties herein named, on a charge of violence.

Memorandum.— Quod xxix°. die Junii, anno Domini M°.ccc°.xiiij°., concessit dominus xl. dies veniæ pro anima Margeriæ de Damport', quondam consortis Adæ Byran, et pro animabus omnium fidelium, etc. Indulgence of 40 days to those praying for the soul of Margery de Damport, widow of Adam Byran.

Acquietancia receptori de Hoveden'. Pateat universis per præsentes, quod nos, Ricardus, permissione divina, Dunolmensis episcopus, recepimus de domino Hugone de Lokington', receptore de Hoveden', xxx. die Junii, anno pontificatus nostri quarto, apud Rychal', viginti et iiij. libras sterlingorum de exitibus de Hoveden'. In cujus rei testimonium, sigillum nostrum præsentibus est appensum. Datum die, et anno, et loco, supradictis. Acquittance to the receiver of Hoveden for 24*l.*

Commissio. Ricardus, permissione etc., dilectis filiis, dominis priori de Fynkhale, ac de Cestr' et Langchestr' ecclesiarum decanis, salutem, gratiam et benedictionem. Ad cognoscendum, procedendum, pro- Commission to pronounce and execute judgment in the matter of adultery between

A.D. 1314. John de Amundeville and Isabella de Merley.

nunciandum, et exequendum, in negotio quod contra Johannem de Amundevile et Isabellam de Merley, ex officio nostro, vertitur, seu verti speratur, super eo, quod crimen adulterii, prout, per famam publicam, ad nostram pervenit audientiam, dicuntur ad invicem commisisse, ac super omnibus et singulis dictum negotium contingentibus, vobis, vel cuilibet vestrum in solidum, vices nostras committimus, cum coercionis canonicæ potestate, donec eas duxerimus revocandas. Valete. Datum apud Rykhale, primo die Julii, anno consecrationis nostræ quarto. An. Episc. 4.

Mandate by the Archbishop of York for a Convocation of the clergy of the province of York, to treat concerning the aid requested by the king for the war with Scotland.

Prima Convocatio cleri provinciæ Eboracensis ad tractandum super auxilio impendendo domino regi.

Willelmus, permissione divina, Eboracensis archiepiscopus, Angliæ primas, venerabili fratri, domino Ricardo, Dei gratia, Dunolmensi episcopo, suffraganeo nostro, salutem, et fraternæ caritatis in Domino continuum incrementum. Literas serenissimi principis et domini nostri, domini Edwardi, Dei gratia, regis Angliæ illustris, v^to. kal. Maii, apud Brunby, nostræ diœcesis, recepimus, tenorem, qui sequitur, continentes :— Edwardus, Dei gratia, rex Angliæ, dominus Hiberniæ et dux Aquitaniæ, venerabili in Christo patri, Willelmo, eadem gratia, archiepiscopo Eboracensi, Angliæ primati, salutem. Crescente [malitia Roberti de Brus et complicium suorum, inimicorum et rebellium nostrorum, qui non modicas partes Marchiæ regni nostri, et ecclesiam sanctam in eisdem partibus, sub tributo, per tempus aliquod posuerunt, et jam de novo castra, villas, et fortalicia, in terra nostra Scotiæ et Marchia prædictis hostiliter occuparunt, et eadem castra, villas, et fortalicia, necnon ecclesias, oratoria, et alia loca sacra, in terra et Marchia prædictis devastarunt, fideles nostros, in dictis castris, villis, et fortaliciis, inventos nequiter interficientes, et aliorum, utriusque sexus,[1] innocentium

[1] *sexus*] sexux, MS.

An. Episc. 4. sanguinem effundere non verentes; et, tot et tantis facinoribus non contenti, usque ad villam nostram de Berewyk' super Twedam, et alia loca, infra dictam terram nostram Angliæ, ad hujusmodi mala, et pejora, pro suis viribus, perpetranda, cum magna multitudine armatorum, accedere jam festinarunt pro salvatione dictæ villæ de Berewyco, et aliarum villarum et locorum nostrorum, ac etiam ecclesiarum in terra et Marchia prædictis, ac fidelium nostrorum in eisdem, et pro repulsione dictorum inimicorum et rebellium nostrorum, ordinavimus, et esse proponimus, Deo dante, apud Novum Castrum super Tynam, a die Paschæ proximo futuro in tres septimanas, cum equis et armis, ad profic[isc]endum exinde contra dictos inimicos nostros, ad eorum obstinatam malitiam, cum Dei adjutorio, refrænandum viriliter et potenter. Et quia vos et cæteri prælati, ac clerus, de regno nostro, in tam arduis, nos et statum ecclesiæ sacræ ac coronæ nostræ tangentibus, non solum consiliis nobis tenemini assistere, sed etiam debetis extendere manus adjutrices, opportuna auxilia faciendo, vobis mandamus, rogantes quatenus, aliis prætermissis, sitis, in propria persona vestra, apud Eboracum, in crastino Sanctæ Trinitatis proximo futuræ, coram fidelibus nostris, ad hoc deputandis, ad tractandum, cum eisdem fidelibus nostris, super competenti auxilio a clero vestræ diœcesis et provinciæ Eboracensium impendendo, ex causis prædictis, pro utilitate reipublicæ, et statu ecclesiæ sanctæ, relevando, et servitute prædicta, prout in proximo Parliamento nostro, apud Westmonasterium habito, tam per clerum, quam per communitatem, regni nostri, de hujusmodi auxilio faciendo extitit concordatum, et prout per prædictos fideles nostros, ex parte nostra, eritis requisiti; et ad eundem diem venire faciatis, coram dictis fidelibus nostris, suffraganeos vestros, decanos, . . priores ecclesiarum cathedralium, archidiaconos, abbates, exemptos et non exemptos, provinciæ vestræ prædictæ, in propriis personis suis, capitula

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A.D. 1314. etiam singula, dictarum ecclesiarum cathedralium, per singulares procuratores, et clerum cujuscunque diœcesis ejusdem provinciæ, per duos procuratores sufficientes, ad tractandum et consentiendum, una vobiscum, hiis quæ in præmissis ibidem tunc contigerit ordinari. Et hoc, sicut nos et honorem nostrum et vestrum, ac utilitatem reipublicæ, et relevationem ecclesiæ sacræ ab hujusmodi servitute, diligitis, modis omnibus faciatis. Teste meipso, apud Ely, vij. die Aprilis, anno regni nostri septimo.—Cum igitur absque convocatione prælatorum et cleri nostrarum civitatis, diœcesis, et provinciæ, nequaquam valeat hujusmodi negotium expediri, tenore præsentium, vos citamus, et per vos . . priorem ecclesiæ vestræ, et capitulum ejusdem, necnon universos abbates, priores, abbates proprios non habentes exemptos et non exemptos, in ecclesia prædicta, decanos etiam, et præpositos ecclesiarum collegiatarum, necnon capitula ipsa, totumque clerum vestrarum civitatis et diœcesis, citari volumus, et mandamus quatinus vos, abbates, priores, decani, archidiaconi, et præpositi, personaliter, capitula et collegia singula, per procuratores singulos, clerusque vestrarum civitatis et diœcesis, per duos procuratores idoneos et sufficienter instructos, ac plenam et sufficientem potestatem habentes, in ecclesia nostra Eboracensi, die Lunæ in crastino Sanctæ Trinitatis proximo futuræ, compareatis, et compareant, ad tractandum in dicta convocatione nobiscum, et eum cæteris prælatis et procuratoribus cleri nostrarum civitatis, diœcesis, et provinciæ, super negotio antedicto, ac ad faciendum ulterius super illo, quod communi videbitur judicio faciendum; de die vero receptionis præsentium, et qualiter hoc nostrum mandatum fueritis executi, necnon de nominibus abbatum, . . priorum . . archidiaconorum, præpositorum, decanorum, et capitulorum, prædictorum, nos, citra dictum diem, certificantes distincte et aperte, per vestras patentes literas, harum seriem continentes. Conservet vos

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An. Episc. 4. Altissimus ad ecclesiæ vestræ regimen et honorem. Datum apud Burtonton' prope Beverlacum, iiij. kal. Maii, anno Gratiæ millesimo ccc°. quartodecimo, et pontificatus nostri nono. A.D. 1314.

Secunda Convocatio ejusdem cleri ad idem faciendum.

Notice for a second Convocation of the clergy in the province of York in relation to the above-mentioned aid.

Willelmus, permissione divina, Eboracensis archiepiscopus, Angliæ primas, venerabili fratri nostro, domino Ricardo, Dei gratia, Dunolmensi episcopo, salutem, et fraternam in Domino caritatem. Juxta sanctiones canonicas esse novimus constitutum, ut qui intra ecclesiam positi, disciplinam ecclesiasticam contemnentes, per censuram ecclesiæ compesci nequiunt, regum strenuitate et rigore conterantur, et, sicut Christiani principes, pro æternis, pontificibus et sacerdotibus indigent, sic quoque pontifices, pro succursu rerum temporalium, et ecclesia Dei in statu orthodoxæ fidei confovenda, regum et imperatorum opportunis noscuntur auxiliis indigere. Sane attendentes quod serenissimus princeps, dominus noster, dominus Edwardus, Dei gratia, rex Angliæ illustris, ad repellendas Scotorum inimicorum suorum capitalium, versutas insidias, ipsorumque malitias multiplices et notorias, Dei adjutorio, reprimendas, ad partes Scotiæ, pro defensione regni sui, et ecclesiæ Anglicanæ, cum copiosa multitudine armatorum, jam arripuerit iter suum, nosque, ex parte ejusdem domini nostri regis, cum magna simus instantia requisiti, quod prælatos et clerum nostrarum diœcesis et provinciæ, qui propinquiores sumus periculo imminenti, efficaciter inducamus, ut ab eodem clero sibi, ex præmissa causa, competens subsidium concedatur, necessitate instante [1] non modica perurgente; quodque, absque Convocatione prælatorum et cleri nostrarum civitatis, diœcesis, et provinciæ, non poterit hujusmodi negotium adimpleri, tenore præsentium, vos citamus, et per vos . .

[1] *instante*] instate, MS.

A.D. 1314. priorem ecclesiæ vestræ Dunolmensis, et capitulum ejus- An. Episc 4.
dem, necnon universos abbates, . . priores abbates proprios non habentes, exemptos et non exemptos, ipsorumque conventus, archidiaconos in ecclesia prædicta, decanos etiam, et præpositos ecclesiarum collegiatarum,
f. 128. necnon capitula ipsa, totumque clerum vestrarum civitatis et diœcesis, citari volumus et mandamus; quatinus vos, abbates . . priores, . . decani, . . archidiaconi, et præpositi, personaliter, conventus vero, et capitula, ac collegia, singula per procuratores singulos, clerusque vestrarum civitatis et diœcesis, per duos procuratores idoneos, et sufficienter instructos, ac plenam et sufficientem potestatem ab ipsis conventibus, capitulis, collegiis, ac clero, habentes, in ecclesia nostra Eboracensi, die Mercurii proximo post festum Sancti Johannis Baptistæ proximo futurum, compareatis, et compareant, coram nobis, ad tractandum; in dicta Convocatione, nobiscum, et cum cæteris prælatis et procuratoribus cleri nostrarum civitatis, diœcesis, et provinciæ, super negotio antedicto, et ad faciendum ulterius, super illo, quod communi videbitur judicio faciendum; de die [vero] receptionis præsentium, et qualiter hoc mandatum nostrum fueritis executi, necnon de nominibus abbatum, . . priorum, archidiaconorum, præpositorum, decanorum, conventuum et capitulorum, prædictorum, nos, citra dictum diem, certificantes distincte et aperte, per vestras patentes literas, harum seriem continentes. Conservet vos Altissimus, ad ecclesiæ vestræ regimen et honorem. Datum apud Foston', ij°. non. Junii, anno Gratiæ millesimo ccc°. quartodecimo, et pontificatus nostri nono.

Acquittance to the receiver of Hoveden, for 50*l.*

Acquietancia. Pateat universis per præsentes, quod nos, Ricardus, permissione divina, Dunolmensis episcopus, recepimus, die Jovis, iiij. die Julii, apud Rikale, anno pontificatus nostri quarto, de domino Hugone de Lokinton', receptore nostro de Hoveden', quinquaginta libras sterlingorum, de exitibus ejusdem.

An. Episc. 4. In cujus rei testimonium, sigillum nostrum præsentibus est appensum. Datum die, et loco, et anno supradictis. A.D. 1314.

Declaratio procuratoris archidiaconi ad installandum priorem Dunolmi.

Declaration by the bishop, of the right of the archdeacon of Durham, to install the prior of Durham.

Universis Christi fidelibus, præsentes literas inspecturis, Ricardus, permissione divina, Dunolmensis episcopus salutem in Domino. Cum dudum coram nobis, super possessione, vel quasi jure, installandi . . . priorem ecclesiæ Dunolmensis inter officialem nostrum Dunolmensem, pro se et officio suo, ac religiosos viros, . . . suppriorem et conventum ecclesiæ Dunolmensis, prioratu Dunolmensi tunc vacante, ex parte una, et dominum Thomam de Goldesburgh', archidiaconum Dunolmensem, ex altera, contentio orta fuisset, nos, vocatis in hac parte vocandis, et rimatis rimandis, attendentes quod jus installandi . . . priorem ecclesiæ Dunolmensis, canonice electum et confirmatum, ad archidiaconum Dunolmensem, qui pro tempore fuerit, ut id per se, vel . . . officialem suum, seu alium, cui super hoc committere voluerit vices suas, facere poterit, vel exercere, tam de jure communi, quam de consuetudine in ecclesia et diœcesi Dunolmensibus diutius obtenta, et canonice præscripta, spectat et pertinet, et sic spectare et pertinere dinoscitur ab antiquo; attendentes nihilominus installationem religiosi viri fratris, Galfridi de Burdon', nunc prioris ecclesiæ Dunolmensis prædictæ, vice, nomine et auctoritate domini Thomæ de Goldesburgh', archidiaconi supradicti, utpote jus habentis, per magistrum Johannem de Insula, rectorem ecclesiæ de Boldon', juris civilis professorem in ecclesia Dunolmensi prædicta, factam fuisse; nos jus installandi . . . priorem ecclesiæ Dunolmensis prædictæ, cum institutio ejusdem in ipsa ecclesia fuerit facienda, cum omnibus hiis quæ ad ipsam installationem, de jure vel consuetudine, pertinere dinoscuntur, ad ipsum archidiaconum, nomine archidiaconatus sui Dunolmensis prædicti, et successores suos, archidiaconos Dunolmenses,

A.D. 1314. omnes et singulos, qui pro tempore fuerint, jure et consuetudine suprascriptis, spectare et pertinere debere; necnon installationem præfati Galfridi de Burdon' . . . prioris ecclesiæ Dunolmensis prædictæ, vice, nomine, et auctoritate, memorati domini Thomæ de Goldesburgh', archidiaconi Dunolmensis, per præfatum magistrum Johannem, in ecclesia Dunolmensi, factam, ut est dictum, eundemque archidiaconum in possessione vel quasi jure installandi priorem antedictum fuisse et esse, et pro ipsius jure et possessione in ea parte; ac etiam installationem prædictam, cum in ecclesia Dunolmensi antedicta fuerit facienda, per archidiaconum Dunolmensem, qui pro tempore fuerit, vel per ejus . . . officialem, aut alium ejusdem archidiaconi super hujusmodi installatione vices gerentem, fore faciendam, auctoritate ordinaria, pronunciamus et declaramus, ac etiam sententialiter decernimus in hiis scriptis. Si vero dictus dominus archidiaconus, vel ejus . . . . officialis, aut quivis, cui idem dominus archidiaconus vices suas in hac parte commiserit, in hujusmodi installa- An. Episc. 4.
f. 128 b. tione facienda negligentes fuerint, vel remissi, liceat nobis, et successoribus nostris, in ipsorum defectum, per nos, vel alios, propter pericula quæ, tempore vacationis prioratus prædicti, possent verisimiliter imminere, . . . priorem, tunc installandum, ea vice installare, jure et possessione ipsius archidiaconi, quoad . . . priores Dunolmenses extunc installandos, et ea quæ, ratione installationis hujusmodi, per nos vel successores nostros, ut præmittitur, faciendæ, ad ipsum archidiaconum, de jure vel consuetudine, pertinere dinoscuntur, in omnibus et per omnia semper salvis. In quorum omnium testimonium, has literas nostras, per Ricardum de Ganio notarium publicum, scribi et publicari fecimus, nostrique sigilli appensione muniri. Datum apud Stokton', nostræ diœcesis, ultimo die mensis Decembris, anno Domini millesimo trecentesimo tertiodecimo, Indictione decima, et pontificatus nostri tertio, præsentibus magistris Ada de Morpath', dicti domini archidiaconi . . . .

An. Episc. 4. officiali, Willelmo de Kellawe, Roberto de Derlington', notario publico, et aliis, testibus ad præmissa vocatis specialiter, et rogatis. A.D. 1314.

Et ego, Ricardus natus quondam Henrici de Ganio, clericus Conventrensis et Lychefeldensis diœcesis, apostolica et imperiali auctoritate, notarius publicus, prædicta omnia, de mandato venerabilis patris, domini Ricardi, Dei gratia, Dunolmensis episcopi, propria manu scripsi et publicavi, meoque signo consueto signavi, in fidem et testimonium præmissorum.

Commissio officialitatis de Alvertonshire.

Ricardus, permissione divina, Dunolmensis episcopus, dilecto filio, clerico, magistro Willelmo de Alverton', salutem, gratiam et benedictionem. Ad cognoscendum, procedendum, diffiniendum, et exequendum, in causis et negotiis, quæ, ad instantiam partium, vel officii, infra jurisdictionem nostram de Alvertonshire moventur, vel moveri sperantur, ac ad omnia alia et singula facienda et exercenda, quæ ad dictam jurisdictionem, de jure vel consuetudine, pertinere noscuntur, tibi, de cujus circumspectione plenam fiduciam obtinemus, vices nostras committimus, cum coercionis canonicæ potestate, ac te in officialem nostrum, et custodem præfatæ jurisdictionis, præficimus et creamus; in te nihilominus ad inquirendum de excessibus quorumcunque subditorum nostrorum, infra dictam jurisdictionem, ac eosdem corrigendum et puniendum, potestatem specialiter transferentes. In cujus rei testimonium, sigillum nostrum præsentibus duximus apponendum. Datum apud Stoketon, xxv°. die Maii, anno Domini M°.ccc°.xiiij°., et consecrationis nostræ tertio.

Commission to the official of Alvertonshire, to hear, determine, and execute suits arising within the jurisdiction of Alvertonshire.

Acquietancia receptori de Alverton'.

Pateat universis quod nos, Ricardus, permissione divina, Dunolmensis episcopus, recepimus de domino Alano capellano, receptore nostro de Alverton', apud Crayk', xv. die Julii, anno pontificatus nostri quarto, triginta libras

Acquittance to the receiver of Alverton for 30*l.*

A.D. 1314. de exitibus de Alverton'. In cujus rei testimonium, An. Episc. 4. sigillum nostrum præsentibus est appensum. Datum apud Crayk', die et anno supradictis.

Acquittance for 100*l.* and 50 marks.

Memorandum.— Quod xviij°. die Julii, anno Domini M°.ccc°.xiiij°., solvit Willelmus de Horneby, nomine domini Roberti de Brompton', apud Crayk', centum libras et quinquaginta marcas; et inde habuit literas suas acquietanciæ.

Mandate to release the sequestration on the goods of Nicholas de Veupont, and to deliver the goods to Ermegerna his widow.

Memorandum.— Quod xxv°. die Julii, consecrationis nostræ anno quarto, mandatum fuit Johanni de Pollowe, sequestratori nostro, quod relaxaret sequestrum interpositum in bonis domini Nicholai de Veupont', nuper defuncti, et quod liberaret eadem bona dominæ Ermegernæ, relictæ ejusdem domini Nicholai, sub securitate duorum fidejussorum de diœcesi nostra, ad respondendum de eisdem bonis, cum per nos super hoc requisiti fuerint.

Commission to inflict punishment and penance upon, and to absolve John de Amundeville and Isabella de Merleye, sister of the wife of the said John, for adultery and incest.

Commissio ad absolvendum Johannem de Amunde vill'. Ricardus, permissione divina, Dunolmensis episcopus, dilectis filiis, domino Galfrido, priori nostro Dunolmensi . . . priori de Finchale, magistro Johanni de Insula, juris civilis professori, magistro Johanni de Blenkowe, domino Roberto de Brompton', salutem, gratiam et benedictionem. De vestra circumspectione et industria plenam in Domino fiduciam obtinentes, ad injungendum Johanni de Amundevill', et Isabellæ de Merleye, sorori uxoris ejusdem Johannis, pro adulterii et incestus criminibus, ab ipsis notorie etiam commissis, et per eosdem in jure coram nobis judicialiter confessatis, pensatis eorundem criminum circumstantiis, pœnam et pœnitentiam salutarem, absolutionisque beneficium a sententiis excommunicationis, ob eorum manifestam offensam, occasione dictorum criminum, coram nobis,

Vacat quia non utebantur ista commissione.

An. Episc. 4. multipliciter contractam, latis, in forma juris, eisdem impendendum, vobis omnibus, quatuor, tribus, aut duobus, vestrum committimus vices nostras, cum coercionis canonicæ potestate. In cujus rei testimonium, sigillum nostrum præsentibus duximus apponendum. Datum apud Richale, xxiiij. die Julii, anno Domini millesimo trecentesimo tertiodecimo, et pontificatus nostri quarto. A.D. 1314.

f. 129. The penance imposed on John de Amundeville, with pecuniary penalties, in addition thereto.

Pœnitentia Johannis de Amundevill'.

Ricardus, permissioue divina, Dunolmensis episcopus dilectis filiis domino Galfrido, priori nostro Dunolmensi, . . . priori de Fynkhale, magistro Johanni de Insula, juris civilis professori, magistro Johanni de Blenkhowe, et Roberto de Brompton', salutem, gratiam et benedictionem. Cum Johannes de Amundevill' coram nobis comparuerit, ac de parendo mandatis ecclesiæ, in forma juris, corporale præstiterit juramentum, eidem per vos injungi volumus pœnitentiam infrascriptam, sub vinculo debito præstiti juramenti; videlicet, quod apud ecclesiam Dunolmensem, die Sancti Oswaldi, et Dominica sequente, die Assumptionis Beatæ Virginis, et Dominica sequente, die Sancti Cuthberti, et Dominica sequente, discalciatus sotularibus, supertunica exutus, sine cingulo, capucio, et tænia,[1] cereum unius libræ deferens in manibus, præcedat processionem in claustro et ecclesia, ibique recepta a priore, si præsens fuerit, alias, ab uno de nostris pœnitentiariis, disciplina, expositaque causa publice coram plebe, tempore horæ tertiæ, et missæ, persistens in pavimento, coram majore altari, usque ad finem missæ, tunc offerat cereum ad altare. In ecclesiis vero de Aukland' et Derlington', per xij. dies Dominicos, alternatim in incedendo stando, a capellano parochiæ disciplinam recipiendo, et cereum offerendo, similis eidem pœnitentia injungatur; ita quod, citra festum Nativitatis Dominicæ proximo futurum,

Vacat.

[1] *tænia*] tena, MS.

A.D. 1314. dicta pœnitentia plenarie peragatur; alioquin extunc in pristinam sententiam recidat ipso facto. Et quod idem Johannes dictam Isabellam, sub pœna xl. *s.* apud Hoghton' abjuravit quam commisit cum ipsa, notorie recidivans; et iterum, sub pœna c. *s.*, eandem, apud Middelham abjurans, quam postmodum, similiter recidivando, commisit; prout coram nobis est judicialiter confessatus, si de dictis pœnis juret se non posse satisfacere illa vice, tunc recipiatis cautionem sufficientem ab eodem, quod citra festum Sancti Michaelis satisfaciet de eisdem, alioquin, ipso facto, in pristinam sententiam retrudatur. Valete. Datum apud Rykhale, xxiiij. die Julii, pontificatus nostri anno quarto. An. Episc. 4.

Commission to absolve Roger de Pollowe from sentence of excommunication for his contumacy.

Commissio facta ad absolvendum Rogerum de Pollowe, capellanum.

Ricardus, permissione divina, Dunolmensis episcopus, dilectis filiis, discreti viri, officialis nostri, commissario generali, et . . . perpetuo vicario ecclesiæ Sancti Oswaldi in Dunolmo, salutem, gratiam et benedictionem. Ad absolvendum, in forma juris, dominum Rogerum de Pollowe, capellanum, exhibitorem præsentium, a majoris excommunicationis sententia, in eum per officialem nostrum, ob suam contumaciam, coram ipso officiali nostro contractam, latæ, ut asserit, et ad injungendum eidem capellano pro hujusmodi contumacia pœnam condignam et pœnitentiam salutarem, vobis conjunctim, et alteri vestrum, divisim, vices nostras, cum coercionis canonicæ potestate, committimus per præsentes; sententia suspensionis a celebratione divinorum in eundem capellanum, ob suos excessus notorios, de quibus convictus extitit, lata per eundem officialem nostrum, in suo robore duratura. Valete. Datum apud Rykhale, xxix°. die Julii, anno Domini M°.ccc°. quartodecimo, et consecrationis nostræ quarto.

Institution of William de Espeley into the vicarage of Brankeston.

Institutio vicarii de Brankeston'.

Ricardus, permissione etc., dilecto filio, domino Willelmo de Espeley, capellano, salutem, gratiam et benedictionem. Ad vicariam ec-

An. Episc. 4. clesiæ de Brankeston', vacantem, et ad patronatum religiosorum virorum, prioris et conventus ecclesiæ nostræ Dunolmensis, sicut per inquisitionem, de mandato nostro factam, apparet, spectantem, te, ad præsentationem eorundem religiosorum, admittimus, et, cum onere curæ ac residentiæ personalis, vicarium perpetuum instituimus in eadem. In cujus rei testimonium, has literas nostras tibi fieri fecimus, nostri sigilli munimine roboratas. Datum apud Rykhale, primo die Augusti, anno Domini M°.ccc°. quartodecimo, et consecrationis nostræ quarto. A.D. 1314.

Inductio ejusdem. Memorandum, quod, eisdem die et anno, mandatum fuit archidiacono Northumbriæ, vel ejus officiali, quod induceret eum in corporalem possessionem dictæ vicariæ, et quod defenderet inductum, etc. Mandate for induction into the same.

Relaxatio sequestri. Ricardus, etc., dilecto filio, Johanni de Pollowe sequestratori nostro, salutem etc. Religioso viro, domino . . . . . priori Karliolensi, qui jam de novo, sicut accepimus, ad statum dicti prioratus est assumptus, nec eidem inpræsentiarum ad nos faciendum ea quæ incumbunt in hac parte, propter viarum discrimina, et alia diversa pericula, securus patet accessus, deferre volentes, quantum commode possumus, et gratiam facere specialem; vobis mandamus quatenus sequestrum in bonis spiritualibus dicti . . . prioris, infra diœcesim nostram existentibus, ex ea causa, quia nondum ad nos accessit, debitam obedientiam personaliter præstiturus, interpositum; quousque a nobis aliud in mandato habueritis, sequestrum relaxetis, eundem . . . priorem, et suos, ut de eisdem bonis interim possint disponere libere permittentes. Valete. Datum apud Rychale, iij. die Augusti, consecrationis nostræ quarto. Release of sequestration in favour of the prior of Carlisle.

Commissio super redditione castri de Norham. Edward, par la grace de Dieu, roi d'Engleterre, seigneur d'Irland', et ducs d'Aquitaine, a nostre cher et foial, monsire f. 129 b. Commission from the king to deliver up the castle

A.D. 1314. of Norham to the bishop of Durham.

William Rydel, conestable du chastiel de Norham, saluz. An. Episc. 4. Come nous eioms renduz al honurable pere en Dieu, . . . l'evesque de Duresme, son chastel de Norham, a tenir a li et a ses successours, auxi franchement come il ou ses predecessours le unt tenuz avant ces houres, nouncontresteant le grant q'il nous en fist, a nostre request, a terme de treis auncz; vous mandoms que, veues cestes lettres, saunz delai facez liverer le dit chastel al dit evesque, ou a son attourne, portant les lettres patentes le dit evesque, de plein et suffisant poair del resceivre a son oeps, et en noun de li, ensemblement od les mortes garneisouns le dit evesque, que nous furent liverez par endenture. Done soucz nostre seal secre, a Everwyk', le ij. jour de August, l'an de nostre regne octisme.

The king's letters patent restoring the castle of Norham to the bishop of Durham.

Literæ patentes super redditione ejusdem.

Edward, par la grace de Dieu, roi d'Engleterre, seigneur d'Irlande et ducs d'Aquitaine, a toutz ceux qui cestes lettres verront, salus. Come l'onurable piere en Dieu, ... l'evesque de Duresme, a nostre requeste, por la sauve et seure garde de nostre marche d'Escoce, nous eust grante son chastel de Norham a terme de trois aunz; fesoms savoir a vous touz, que nous avoms rendu au dit evesque le dit chastel, a tenir a li et a ses successours, auxi fraunchment, come li ou ses predecessours le ount tenuz avant ces houres, nouncontrestant le grant q'il nous fit a terme de treis auncz, sicome dessus est dit. En tesmoignance de queu chose, nous avoms faite faire cestes noz lettres patentes. Done souz nostre seal secre, a Everwyk', le secound jour d' Augst, l'an de nostre regne octisme.

Commission by the bishop of Durham to receive the castle of Norham from William Rydel, constable

Commissio ad recipiendum castrum de Norham, cum omnibus garnesturis et armuris.

Richard, par la grace de Dieu, evesque de Duresme, a touz ceux qui cestes lettres orrunt ou verrount, saluz. Come nostre seigneur le roi nous eit rendu nostre chastel de Norham, lequel nous lui grantames

An. Episc. 4. nad geres a tenir a terme de treis aunz, sicome en ses lettres overtes, a nous faites del rendre avantdit, plus pleinement est contenuz, a tenir a nous et a noz successours, ausi franchement come nous ou noz predecessours le tenissons en temps passe; et sur ce, par ses lettres eit mande a monsire Williame Rydel, conestable du dit chastel, qu'il rende a nous, ou a nostre attourne, le dit chastel, et q'il nous livere tutes les armures et autres mortes garnisons, qui furent a nous, et liverez al dit nostre seigneur le roi, quant le dit chastel lui fu liverez; et ensement a liverer a nous, ou a nostre attorne, par endenture, a sealer des seals le conestable et le attorne avantditz, les armures et les autres mortes garneisons qui sunt au dit nostre seigneur le roi en le dit chastel; sachez nous avoir assigne et mys en nostre lieu nos cheres en Dieu, William de Denum, sire Gefray de Edenham, clercs, et Robert de Sokepeth', et avoir done a chescune deux plein et suffisant poer de receyvre en nostre noun le dit chastel, et tutes les armures et mortes garneisons avantdites, par endenture, a faire sicome desus est dit, et solonc la fourme des lettres nostre seigneur le roi al dit monsire Williame de ce enveez. En tesmoignance de quele chose a ditz Williame, Gefray, et Robert, nous avoms fait faire cestes noz lettres overtes, seale de nostre seal. Done a Rykhale, le xvj. jour de Augst, l'an de nostre sacre quart. A.D. 1314. of the said castle.

Commissio custodiæ castri de Norham.

Ricardus, permissione divina, Dunolmensis episcopus, dilectis et fidelibus suis, Willelmo de Denum, domino Galfrido de Edenham, et Roberto de Sokepath', salutem, gratiam et benedictionem. De vestris fidelitate et circumspectione plenam in Domino [fiduciam] obtinentes, custodiam castri nostri et comitatus de Norham, cum omnibus pertinentiis et libertatibus, quæ, ratione custodiæ, ad illud pertinent, et pertinere consueverunt, usque ad nostrum beneplacitum faciendam Grant of the custody of the castle of Norham.

A.D. 1314. committimus, per præsentes, omnibus nostris tenentibus, An. Episc infra dictos custodiam et comitatum existentibus firmiter injungentes, ut vobis, et vestrum cuilibet tanquam custodibus et ballivis nostris dictorum comitatus et castri, in hiis quæ tenentur et consueverunt, fideliter respondeant ac attendant, quousque aliud super hoc duxerimus ordinandum. In cujus rei testimonium, præsentes literas vobis, et vestrum cuilibet, fieri, ac sigilli nostri appensione fecimus muniri. Datum apud Rychale, v°. die Augusti, anno Domini millesimo ccc°. quartodecimo, et consecrationis nostræ quarto.

Order for delivery of the custody of the castle of Norham to Sir William Rydel.

[1] Richard, par la suffrance de Dieu, evesque de Duresme, a ses foials et bien amez, William de Denum, sire Gefrei de Edenham, et Robert de Sokpath', et a chescun de eux, saluz etc. Come por certeignes enchesouns qui a ceo nous movent, eoms baille la garde de nostre chastel, et le counte de Norham, a monsire William Rydel, a tenir et faire a nostre volente, et avoms ordine que mesme celui se entremete de pleez tenir, terres a ferme lesser, et de
f. 130. totes autres choses faire que conestable et gardeins de les dits chastel et courte, en temps passe, soloincz les usages de celes parties, faire soleint, et entremettre; vous mandoms fermement, que, endenture faite par entre vous, ou ascun de vous, et le dit monsire William, des armures et autres mortes garneisons, que la eincz sunt, et de quele endenture nous voloms pleinement estre certifie par vous, nostre dit chastel de Norham liverez al dit sire William, en la fourme avantdite, enprenant de lui covenable et suffisaunt seurete par ses lettres, ou en autre maner, soloinc ceo que vous veez que meutz soit a faire, que le dit chastel bien et sauvement gardera a nostre oeps, et mesme le chastel, od totes les choses q'il prendra de vous par la dite

[1] Without a marginal note.

An. Episc. 4. endenture, a nostre volente rendra, quant de ceo par noz lettres serra requis et demande. A Dieu. Done a Rychale, le v. jour de August, l'an de nostre sacre quarte. A.D. 1314.

Commissio custodiæ castri de Norham. Grant of the custody of the castle of Norham.

Ricardus, permissione etc., dilecto sibi in Christo, domino Willelmo Rydel, salutem, gratiam et benedictionem. De vestris fidelitate et circumspectione plenam in Domino fiduciam obtinentes, custodiam castri nostri, et comitatus, de Norham cum omnibus pertinentiis et libertatibus, quæ, ratione custodiæ, ad illud pertinent, et pertinere consueverunt, usque ad nostrum beneplacitum faciendam, committimus, per præsentes; omnibus nostris tenentibus, infra dictos custodiam et comitatum[1] existentibus, firmiter injungentes, ut vobis, tanquam custodi et ballivo nostro dictorum comitatus et castri, in hiis, quæ tenentur et consueverunt, fideliter respondeant ac intendant. In cujus rei testimonium, præsentes literas vobis fieri, et nostro sigillo fecimus communiri. Datum apud Rykhale, xvj. die Augusti, anno Domini M°.ccc°. quartodecimo, et pontificatus nostri quarto.

Litera missa cancellario Dunolmensi pro excommunicato capiendo. Mandate to the chancellor of Durham, to order the sheriff to arrest William de Morpath, excommunicated for contumacy.

Ricardus, permissione divina, Dunolmensis episcopus, domino R. de Brompton', cancellario nostro Dunolmensi, salutem, etc. Quia frater Willelmus de Morpath', canonicus monasterii de Hextildesham infra libertatem nostram Dunolmensem conversans, nunc, ut dicitur, propter suas contumacias et offensas multiplices, coram venerabili patre, domino Willelmo, Dei gratia, Eboracensi archiepiscopo, Angliæ primate, contractas, majoris est excommunicationis sententia innodatus, et in ea jam per xl. dies, et amplius, pertinaciter perseveravit, animo indurato, et adhuc in eadem, contemptis ecclesiæ

[1] *comitatum*] comitatus, MS.

A.D. 1314. clavibus, perseverat, vobis mandamus quatenus, secun- An. Episc. 4.
dum approbatam nostræ regiæ libertatis in hoc casu consuetudinem, pro captione ipsius fratris Willelmi, nostro scribere vicecomiti nullatenus omittatis. Valete. Datum apud Rykhale, iij°. die Augusti, anno Domini etc. [M°.ccc°.] xiiij°. et consecrationis nostræ quarto.

Order for excommunication of William de Morpath.

Excommunicatio contra canonicum de Hextildesham.

Ricardus, permissione divina, Dunolmensis episcopus, dilecto filio, domino . . archidiacono Northumbriæ, vel ejus officiali, salutem, etc. Cum fratrem Willelmum de Morpath', canonicum monasterii de Hextildesham, propter suas contumacias et offensas multiplices coram venerabili patre, domino Willelmo, Dei gratia, Eboracensi archiepiscopo, Angliæ primate, ad instantiam officii, contractas, jam est diu, majoris excommunicationis sententia innodatum, ad hortationem ejusdem patris, per totam diœcesim nostram, et præcipue in partibus de Morpath', ubi tunc agere dicebatur, per . . officialem nostrum, excommunicatum publice fecerimus nunciari; idemque canonicus, adhuc in eadem excommunicationis sententia persistens, ad gremium sanctæ matris ecclesiæ redire contempserit, animo indurato; vobis, in virtute obedientiæ, firmiter injungimus et mandamus, quatenus, trinis monitionibus legitimis præmissis, omnibus Christi fidelibus, ne quis secum communicet, casibus a jure permissis duntaxat exceptis, eundem fratrem Willelmum, canonicum, cum omnibus secum communicantibus extunc, si qui fuerint, excommunicetis, et excommunicatos fore, publice in ecclesiis parochialibus, et locis aliis archidiaconatus vestri, quibus nunc dicitur agere, diebus Dominicis et festivis, cum major affuerit populi multitudo, ubi magis expediens videritis, nuncietis; de nominibus hujusmodi communicantium diligentius inquirentes: de quibus cum vobis constiterit, citetis eosdem peremptorie, quod compareant coram nobis, vel commissariis nostris, uno vel pluribus, in Galilæa Dunolmi,

An. Episc. 4. proximo die juridico post festum Sancti Michaelis, pœnam pro demeritis recepturi, ac alias facturi et subituri, quod juris fuerit, et consonum rationi. Quid vero feceritis in præmissis, nos, vel commissarios nostros, citra diem prædictum, per vestras literas patentes, harum seriem continentes, reddatis dilucide certiores. Valete. Datum apud Rychale, tertio die Augusti, anno Domini millesimo trecentesimo quartodecimo, et consecrationis nostræ quarto. A.D. 1314.

Indulgentia pro salubri statu cujusdam.

f. 130 b. Indulgence of 40 days for praying for the souls of certain persons deceased, as well as for the soul of a now living person, after death.

Universis sanctæ matris ecclesiæ filiis præsentes literas inspecturis, Ricardus, permissione divina, Dunolmensis episcopus, salutem, etc. Cupientes, per allectiva indulgentiarum munera, mentes fidelium ad caritatem [et] devotionis opera, quantum cum Deo possumus, propensius excitare; de Dei omnipotentis misericordia, gloriosæ virginis Mariæ genitricis ejusdem, apostolorumque Petri et Pauli, necnon sanctissimi confessoris Cuthberti, patroni nostri, omniumque sanctorum, meritis et orationibus confidentes, omnibus parochianis nostris, et aliis, quorum diœcesani hanc nostram indulgentiam ratam habuerint, et acceptam, de peccatis suis vere contritis, pœnitentibus, et confessis, qui pro salubri statu fratris Simonis de Otteley, monachi abbatiæ beatæ Mariæ Eboracensis professi, et pro animabus patris et matris suæ, omniumque parentum suorum, et pro anima ejusdem, cum de corpore fuerit exuta, et pro animabus omnium fidelium defunctorum, necnon pro tranquillitate regis et regni Angliæ, orationem Dominicam, cum salutatione Virginis gloriosæ, quotienscunque et ubicunque dixerint, pia mente, quadraginta dies de injuncta sibi pœnitentia misericorditer relaxamus. In cujus rei etc. Datum apud Rychale, ix°. die Augusti, anno Domini millesimo trecentesimo quartodecimo, et pontificatus nostri quarto.

A.D. 1314. Indulgence of 40 days for praying for the souls of Edmund de Boyvill, buried in the church of the Friars Minors in York, and of Meliora his wife, buried in St. Sepulchre's-extra-Newgate, London.

Memorandum.— Quod eisdem die et anno concessit dominus episcopus xl. dies indulgentiæ, pro anima Edmundi de Boyvill', cujus corpus in ecclesia Fratrum Minorum de Eboraco ecclesiasticæ traditur sepulturæ; vel pro anima Melioræ, quondam consortis ejusdem Edmundi, cujus corpus in ecclesia Sancti Sepulchri extra Neugat', London', sepelitur. An. Episc. 4.

Licentia absolvendi quendam excommunicatum extra diœcesim.

Licence to absolve John de Amundeville, excommunicated for contumacy.

Willelmus, permissione divina, Eboracensis archiepiscopus, Angliæ primas, venerabili fratri nostro, domino Ricardo, Dei gratia, Dunolmensi episcopo, salutem, et fraternæ caritatis incrementum continuum coram Christo. Cum Johannes de Amundevile, parochianus vester, auctoritate vestra ordinaria, sit, propter ipsius contumaciam vel offensam, majoris excommunicationis sententia, ut dicitur, involutus; vobis, ad impendendum eidem Johanni, infra vestram diœcesim absolutionis beneficium in forma juris, et sibi injungendum pœnitentiam salutarem, licentiam, tenore præsentium, concedimus specialem. Datum apud Eboracum, idibus Augusti, pontificatus nostri anno nono.

Mandate to absolve John de Amundeville.

Absolutio Johannis de Amundevill'.

Ricardus, permissione divina, Dunolmensis episcopus, dilecto filio, . . officiali nostro Dunolmensi, salutem, gratiam et benedictionem. Quia Johannem de Amundevill' ab excommunicationum sententiis, quibus, pro contumaciis, pariter et offensis, tam coram nobis, quam discreto viro, decano de Langcestr', nostro in hac parte commissario, ad instantiam officii nostri, contractis, extitit involutus, et per vos in locis variis et ecclesiis, nostræ diœcesis, publicatis, jam ad gremium ecclesiæ redeuntem humiliter, accedente ad id venerabilis patris, domini Willelmi, Dei gratia, Eboracensis archiepiscopi, Angliæ primatis, licentia speciali, absolvimus, juxta formam ecclesiæ consuetam; vobis mandamus quatenus, in ecclesiis et locis, in quibus

An. Episc. 4. dictæ sententiæ fuerant publicatæ, ipsum sic absolutum nuncietis, et faciatis publice nunciari. Valete. Datum apud Rykhale, Eboracensis diœcesis, xiiij°. die Augusti, consecrationis nostræ anno quarto. A.D. 1314.

Relaxatio sequestri.

Release of a sequestration for non-residence.

Ricardus, permissione etc. dilecto filio, Johanni de Pollowe, sequestratori nostro, salutem, gratiam et benedictionem. Sequestrum quod in fructibus autumnalibus ecclesiæ parochialis de Wermuth', ratione non-residentiæ rectoris ipsius, per vos nuper accepimus interponi, quousque super hoc aliud vobis scripserimus, præcipimus relaxari; volentes nihilominus ut de lacte, lana, et aliis minutis decimis, quæ a tempore sequestri interpositi provenerint, nobis, nisi de ipsis gratiam relaxationis obtinuerit rector antedictus, curetis in eventu integraliter respondere. Valete. Datum apud Rykhale, xvj. die Augusti, pontificatus nostri anno quarto.

Commissio ad recipiendum testes testamenti domini Roberti de Eplingden'.

Commission to examine witnesses relative to the testament of Robert de Eppligden, lately deceased.

Ricardus, permissione divina, Dunolmensis episcopus, dilectis filiis, magistro Willelmo de Kellawe et domino Roberto de Brompton', salutem, gratiam et benedictionem. Ad recipiendum et examinandum testes, in forma juris, super factione testamenti domini Roberti de Epplingden', nuper defuncti, et ad committendum administrationem bonorum dicti defuncti executoribus ipsius legitime constitutis, et ad omnia alia facienda quæ in hac parte de jure requiruntur, vobis, et alteri vestrum, de quorum circumspectione plene confidimus, cum coercionis canonicæ potestate, committimus vices nostras. Valete. Datum apud Rykhale, xviij. die Augusti, anno Domini millesimo ccc°. quartodecimo, et consecrationis nostræ quarto.

Litera missa vicecomiti pro Elia de Bydyk'.

f. 131. Letters missive to the sheriff of Durham in

Richard, par la souffraunce de Dieu, evesque de Duresme, a ses feaux et bien ames, Adam de Boghes, vescount de

A.D. 1314. favour of Elys de Bydyk, who killed Nicholas, son of Lambert de Lambeton.

Duresme, et les autre ministres de la temporalte, saluz. An. Episc. 4. Por ce que nous avoms vieu la chartre de pees que nostre seigneur le roi ad fait et grante a Elys de Bydyk', taillour, portour de cestes lettres, de la mort Nichol le fuiz Lambert' de Lambeton'; vous mandoms que si le dit Elys veigne dedeincz nostre franchise de Duresme, ne lui arrestoiez pas, ne preignez, por la dite mort, a nostre soet, entre cy et lendemayn de la Nativite nostre Dame prochein a venir; mes si autre soit, que voille soet faire, faites en toutz pointz solonc la lay de terre, et les usages de celes parties. En tesmoignance de quele chose, au dit Elys avoms fait faire cestes noz lettres patentes, sealez de nostre prive seal. Done a Rykhale, le xviij. jour d'Augst, l'an de nostre sacre quart.

Presentation to a prebend in the church of Osmundrelay.

Præsentatio ad præbendam de Osmundreley.

Venerabili in Christo patri, domino Willelmo, Dei gratia, Eboracensi archiepiscopo, Angliæ primati, Ricardus, permissione divina, Dunolmensis ecclesiæ minister humilis, salutem, cum obedientia, reverentia, et honore, debitis et devotis. Ad portionem, seu præbendam, in ecclesia de Osmundrelay, per mortem magistri Thomæ de Logor, quondam portionarium seu præbendarium in eadem, vacantem, ad nostramque præsentationem spectantem, dilectum nobis in Christo, dominum Thomam de Sumebery vobis præsentamus, vos humiliter requirentes quatenus ad dictam præbendam, seu portionem, præfatum dominum Thomam velitis admittere, et exercere circa eum quod vobis incumbit ulterius, in hac parte. Valeat semper vestra reverenda paternitas, in Eo Qui omnia dirigit et conservat. Datum apud Rykhale, xviij°. die Augusti, anno Domini M°.ccc°. quartodecimo.

Appointment of William de Elmeden as bailiff of the possessions

Litera ballivi de Hertrenesse.

Ricardus, permissione divina, Dunolmensis episcopus, omnibus ballivis, ministris et hominibus suis, infra libertatem Dunolmensem consti-

An. Episc. 4. tutis, salutem. Sciatis quod constituimus dilectum nostrum Willelmum de Elmeden' ballivum nostrum omnium terrarum et tenementorum, cum omnibus pertinentiis suis, et libertatibus, quæ fuerunt Roberti de Clyfford', jam defuncti in Hert' et Hertrenesse, cum suis membris. Ita tamen, quod de exitibus, proventibus, et omnibus commoditatibus eorundem, nobis respondeat, cum per nos super hiis fuerit requisitus. Et ideo vobis mandamus, quod prædicto Willelmo, sicut ballivo nostro, de dictis terris et tenementis et omnibus aliis, quæ ratione dictarum terrarum et tenementorum, ad nos pertinent quocunque modo seu pertinere debent, sitis, ut convenit, intendentes, et fideliter respondentes. In cujus rei testimonium, has literas nostras patentes dicto Willelmo fieri fecimus, quamdiu nobis placuerit duraturas. Datum apud Rykhale, xix°. die Augusti, anno Domini M°.ccc°.xiiij°., et consecrationis nostræ quarto.

A.D. 1314. in Hert and Hertrenesse lately belonging to Robert de Clyfford, deceased.

Obligatio. Universis Christi fidelibus pateat per præsentes, quod nos, Ricardus, permissione divina, Dunolmensis episcopus, fatemur nos teneri, et efficaciter obligari, Thomæ de Langeton', pistori, in xj. *li.* xiij. *s.* iiij. *d.* pro decies viginti multonibus, nobis venditis, traditis, et liberatis, per eundem; solvendis eidem, vel suo certo nuncio præsentes deferenti apud Dunolmum in festo Sancti Martini in hieme proximo futuro, sine ulteriore dilatione. In cujus rei testimonium, sigillum nostrum præsentibus duximus apponendum. Datum apud Rykhale, xix°. die Augusti, anno Domini M°.ccc°. quartodecimo, et pontificatus nostri quarto.

Bond for 11*l.* 13*s.* 4*d.* to Thomas de Langeton, baker, for 200 muttons sold and delivered to the bishop.

Collatio vicariæ de Wolloure. Ricardus, permissione divina, Dunolmensis episcopus, dilecto filio domino Hugoni de Lokington, capellano, salutem, gratiam et benedictionem. Cum, ex mora diutina quam in nostra traxisti familiariter comitiva, morum honestate multiplicium, zelo fervente ad insistendum divinis obsequiis, et

Collation to the vicarage of Wolloure.

A.D. 1314. aliis virtutum donis, te noverimus insigniri, personam tuam uberibus attolli beneficiis idoneam reputamus; propter quod, vicariam ecclesiæ parochialis de Wolloure, nostræ diœcesis, vacantem, et ad nostram collationem spectantem, cum cura et onere personalis residentiæ in eadem, ac aliis oneribus quæ incumbunt, tibi conferimus, intuitu caritatis, ac te de eadem per nostrum annulum præsentialiter investimus. In cujus rei testimonium, sigillum nostrum præsentibus est appensum. Datum apud Walleworth', vicesimo quinto die Martii, anno Domini millesimo trecentesimo quartodecimo, et consecrationis nostræ tertio. An. Episc. 4.

Induction to the church of Wolloure.

Inductio ejusdem.

Ricardus, permissione divina, Dunolmensis episcopus, dilecto filio, domino . . archidiacono Northumbriæ, vel ejus . . . officiali, salutem, et benedictionem. Quia dilecto filio, domino Hugoni de Lokington', capellano, vicariam ecclesiæ parochialis de Wolloure, nostræ diœcesis, vacantem, et ad nostram collationem spectantem, contulimus, intuitu [1] caritatis, cum cura et onere personalis residentiæ in eadem, vobis mandamus quatenus [eum] in corporalem possessionem ejusdem vicariæ, cum suis juribus, et pertinentiis universis, inducatis, et defendatis inductum debite, vice nostra. Valete. Datum apud Walworth', xxv°. die Martii, anno Domini millesimo trecentesimo quartodecimo, et consecrationis nostræ tertio.

f. 131 b. Inquisition made relative to the vicarage of Brankeston.

[Inqui]sitio vicariæ de Brankeston'.

Reverendo in Christo, patri et domino, domino Ricardo, Dei gratia, Dunolmensi episcopo, suus humilis et devotus, domini archidiaconi Northumbriæ officialis commissarius, salutem, obedientiam, reverentiam, pariter et honorem. Mandatum vestrum nuper recepi, in hæc verba:— Ricardus, permissione divina, Dunolmensis episcopus, dilecto filio, domino archidiacono Northumbriæ, vel ejus

[1] *contulimus, intuitu*] contulimus intulimus intuitu, MS.

An. Episc. 4. officiali, salutem, gratiam et benedictionem. Præsentaverunt nobis dilecti filii, prior et conventus ecclesiæ nostræ Dunolmensis, dominum Willelmum de Espeley ad vicariam de Brankeston', per resignationem domini Rogeri de Milleburn', quondam vicarii ejusdem, vacantem, ut dicunt, et ad suam præsentationem spectantem. Quocirca, vobis mandamus quatenus per rectores et vicarios vicinos diligenter inquiratis, an dicta vicaria vacet, et a quo tempore vacavit, et qualiter; quis sit verus patronus ejusdem; quis ad eam tempore pacis ultimo præsentavit; quis sit in possessione præsentandi; quantum valeat; an sit pensionaria, et cui, et in quantum; an sit litigiosa, et inter quos, et qua occasione; de conditionibus etiam præsentati, an sit idoneus [et] in quibus ordinibus constitutus; an sit alibi beneficiatus, et utrum de uno, vel de pluribus beneficiis, consimilem curam habentibus; et aliis articulis necessariis et consuetis. Et quid per inquisitionem inveneritis, sub sigillo vestro, una cum sigillis eorum per quos hujusmodi inquisitionem feceritis, distincte et aperte, in forma consueta, nobis constare dilucide faciatis. Datum apud Crayk', xv°. die Julii, pontificatus nostri anno quarto.—Hujus igitur auctoritate mandati, diligentem feci inquisitionem, per rectores ecclesiarum de Bothale et de Stanyngton, necnon per vicarios ecclesiarum de Chevelingham, Lecebiry, Bedelington', Pontheland', Neuburn', et de Novo Castro, ac etiam per capellanos parochialium ecclesiarum de Tynemuth', Stanington', Wolloure, et de Neuton' in Glendale, qui dicunt jurati, quod dicta vicaria vacat per resignationem domini Rogeri de Milleburn', quondam vicarii in eadem, et vacavit a vicesimo septimo die mensis Junii. Dicunt etiam quod prior et conventus ecclesiæ Dunolmensis sunt veri patroni ejusdem, et ad eam tempore pacis ultimo præsentarunt, et sunt in possessione præsentandi. Dicunt etiam, quod valet annuatim sex marcas; non est pensionaria nec litigiosa. Dicunt etiam, quod præ- A.D. 1314.

A.D. 1314. sentatus est bene morigeratus, sufficienter literatus, idoneus, et honestus, ac etiam in ordine sacerdotali constitutus, nec est alibi beneficiatus. De aliis articulis penitus nihil sciunt. In cujus rei testimonium, huic præsenti inquisitioni, sigillis contestificantium consignatæ, sigillum officii mei apposui, in forma consueta. Datum apud Novum Castrum super Tynam, vij. kal. Augusti, anno Domini etc. [M°.CCC°.] xiiij°. An. Episc. 4.

Acknowledgment of receipt of the custody of the castle and county of Norham by Robert de Clyfford.

[Comm]issio custodiæ [ca]stri de Norham Roberto de Clyfford'.

A toutz ceux qui cestes lettres verront ou orront, Robert de Clyfford' chivaller, saluz en Dieu. Sachez moi avoir receu la garde du chastel et du counte de Norham, a sauver et garder, sur le perille qui apent, al oeps le honourable piere en Dieu, sire Richard, par la grace de Dieu, evesque de Duresme, et mon seigneur, tant que lui plerra, et a rendre, a sa volunte, a lui meismes, ou a son attorne se[s] lettres patentes portant, ensemblement ove les armures et les autres choses et mortz garneisons, contenuz en la dividend' faite a les attornez le dit evesque, par monsire William Rydel; forpris les choses qui serront usez et despenduz pour la sustenance du dit chastel, por le temps que je averai la garde: et a ceste chose loialment faire et furnir, je oblige moy, mes heyrs, terres et tenementz, en qui meyns q'il devenent, au dit evesque. En tesmoignance de quele chose, a ceste lettre ay mys mon seal. Done a Norham, la veille de l'Assompcion nostre Dame, l'an du sacre le dit evesque quart.

Memorandum as to the armour, &c. in the castle of Norham.

[1] Faite a remembrer, que William Rydel livera le chastel de Norham, les armures, et les vitailles dedencz, par le mandement le roi, a Williame de Denum et a Robert de Sokepeth', attornez l'evesque de Duresme, portauntz ses lettres patentes,

[1] There is no marginal note to this entry.

An. Episc. 4. la veille nostre Dame l'Assumpcion, l'an du regne le roy Edward, fuiz le roi Edward, utisme : ceo est a savoir ;—iiij^{xx}. et vij. pair de trappes, ix. targes, iiij^{xx}. et viij. chapeus de fere, vj^{xx}. et xvj. alblastes, v^{xx}. et iij. baudriz, ix. pair de quisseus, xix. actons, xx. haubergeons, lxij. morruz, ij^{m}. ij^{c}. v^{xx}. viij. stokfis, vij^{xx}. et xiiij. peces de fere, xviij. furmages, xxiij. toneux de vin, un demi tonel de rasp', vj. carcois de boef sale, xx. carcois de moton, xx. quarters du seel, l. pors (et vj. pris par les Escotz,) iij. affres, xxiiij. boefs, viij. naps, vij. savenapes, ij. touailles febles, viij. tankars, ix. poz de peutre, vj. poz de arrein, ix. paels de arrein, un furme de arrein pour faire chaundaille, iij. caudrons, ij. bacyns, ij. lavours, j. lavour pendant en la sale, ij. tripers, ij. barailles de terre, corde novele por les engines, xxxiiij. quarters et demi de furment, lij. quarters de orge, en une tase, par eme, xxxv. quarters de orge batu, en la base sale, par eme, vij. quarters et iij. bolles de orge, en gerner, vj^{xx}. et ix. quarters de brays, en la toure, par eme, iiij^{xx}. et iiij. quarters des avains, en la base sale, par eme, un vestement, ij. touailles, j. chalice partie dorre, ij. messales febles, xl. quarters de garboun de mere. En tesmoignance de quele chose, je, William Rydel, dune part, et William de Denum et Robert de Sokepeth', attornez levesque de Duresme, avoms mys nos seals. Escrite a Norham, l'an et le jour avantdites. A.D. 1314.

Collatio patriar-[chatus] Jerosolumitani d[omino] episcopo Dunolmensi.

Clemens, episcopus, servus servorum Dei, venerabili fratri, Antonio patriarchæ Jerosolumitano, et episcopo Dunolmensi, salutem, et apostolicam benedictionem. Summi providentia Principis, Cujus ineffabilis potentiæ magnitudo cœlestia, pariter et terrena, disponit, ordinat, et gubernat, sublimi culminis apostolici solio, licet immeriti, præsidentes, ad universas orbis ecclesias, præsertim patriarchalibus et cathedralibus titulis insignitas, f. 132. Grant by Pope Clement V. of the patriarchate of Jerusalem to Anthony Bek, bishop of Durham. A.D. 1306.

A.D. 1314. aciem considerationis extendimus, et de ipsarum statu propensioribus studiis cogitamus, opem et operam impendendo sollicitam, et apostolici favoris auxilium adhibendo, ut, cum illas contingit pastoris gubernatione destitui, eis, ne prolixæ vacationis experiantur incommoda, [et] dispendiis prægraventur, per nostram curiosam solertiam, pulsis procul obstaculis, et impedimentis quibuslibet eminus relegatis, celeris provisionis, et utilis, votiva celebritas illucescat. Pridem siquidem, Jerosolumitana ecclesia per obitum bonæ memoriæ Radulphi, Jerosolumitani patriarchæ, destituta pastore, nos, de ipsius ecclesiæ ordinatione sollicite cogitantes, ne ipsa, (quæ, inter alias orbis ecclesias, nobilitatis titulo, ex eo potissime insignita conspicitur, quod terram, in qua sita est Patris æterni Filius, nostræ carnis indumento vestitus, sua voluit insignire præsentia, ac proprii aspersione sanguinis consecrare,) absque præsule diutius remaneret, volentes eidem de tali pontifice, cujus industria et sollicitudo tanto congrueret honori, et oneri, providere, te, Dunolmensem episcopum, cujus sollicitudo Dunolmensi ecclesiæ jam impensa, spem firmam exhibet, quod circa Jerosolumitanam ecclesiam, utpote digniorem, ad cujus regimen eadem Dunolmensis ecclesia ascensum tibi, tuæ probitatis experimento, paravit, curam, dante Domino, vigilem et debitam adhibebis; ipsi Jerosolumitanæ ecclesiæ, de fratrum nostrum consilio et apostolicæ potestatis plenitudine, in Patriarcham præficimus, et pastorem, te, propter hoc a vinculo quo teneris ipsi Dunolmensi ecclesiæ minime absolvendo; curam et administrationem ipsius Jerosolumitanæ ecclesiæ tibi, in spiritualibus et temporalibus, committentes, ac tecum nihilominus, de uberioris dono gratiæ, dispensantes, ut præfatam Dunolmensem ecclesiam, ac curam et regimen ipsius, spiritualiter et temporaliter sicut ante præfectionem hujusmodi, una cum prædicta Jerosolumitana ecclesia, libere ac licite valeas retinere, et utriusque ecclesiæ titulo, in tuis An. Episc. 4.

An. Episc. 4. præscriptionibus et intitulationibus, uti, qualibet constitutione, super hoc in contrarium edita, non obstante. Postmodum, per dilectos filios nostros, Neapolionem Sancti Adriani, Landulphum Sancti Angeli, Jacobum Sancti Georgii ad Velum Aureum, Ricardum Sancti Eustachii, et Lucam Sanctæ Mariæ in Via Lata, diaconos cardinales pallium, de corpore beati Petri sumptum, plenitudinem, videlicet, pontificalis officii, a nobis, cum ea qua decuit instantia postulatum, tibi fecimus exhiberi, firma spe, securaque concepta fiducia, quod præfata Jerosolumitana ecclesia, superna tibi clementia suffragante, per tuæ providæ circumspectionis industriam, et providentiæ circumspectæ solertiam studiosam, defendetur a noxiis, præservabitur ab adversis, et spiritualibus ac temporalibus proficiet, et consurget, augmentis. Sub humili igitur devotionis officio, promptæque reverentiæ ubere, jugum Domini suscipere studeas, et suavi Ejus oneri humiliter colla submittere non omittas ; manumque mittens ad fortia, ipsius administrationem ecclesiæ prudenter et laudabiliter exequaris, et commissi tibi Dominici gregis custodiam procures prosequi diligenter, constanter oppositurus te, murum et pugilem, pro domo Domini, ascendentibus ex adverso, et, laudabili de ipsa reddita, in die districti examinis, ratione, regnum Patris Altissimi, ab origine mundi præparatum electis, accipere merearis, et eundem gregem, tibi commissum, ad uberioris meriti fructum, et retributionis majoris cumulum, introducas. Datum Lugduni, iiij. kal. Martii, pontificatus nostri anno primo. A.D. 1314.

Attestation of the terms of the preceding appointment.

Factæ fuerunt auscultationes et examinationes supradictæ Burdegalæ, in monasterio Sanctæ Crucis, nono die mensis Januarii, anno Domini millesimo trecentesimo septimo, Indictione quinta, præsentibus, magistro Le Rous, dominis, Johanne de Barneburgh', Roberto de London', capellanis, et aliis, testibus ad præmissa vocatis specialiter, et rogatis.

A.D. 1314. Commission to sequestrate the churches belonging to the abbot and convent of Blanchland.

Commissio ad sequestrandum ecclesias abbatis et conventus de Alba Landa, ex certis causis.

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Ricardus etc., salutem etc. Quia—

—" Sero medicina paratur,
" Cum mala per longas convaluere
" moras,"[1]

ac per literas religiosorum virorum, abbatum monasterii Præmonstratensis et de Langedon', intelleximus quod ecclesia Albæ Landæ, per insolentiam et incuriam illius qui se gerit pro abbate ecclesiæ prædictæ, in bonis spiritualibus et temporalibus non solum incepit labi, verum adeo est dilapsa, quod, nisi, celerius occurratur, vix adjiciet ut resurgat ; vobis mandamus quatenus omnes fructus, obventiones, et proventus, beneficiorum ecclesiasticorum quæ in nostra diœcesi ecclesiæ prædictæ appropriata noscuntur, sequestretis, et sub arcto sequestro faciatis fideliter custodiri, sine speciali mandato nostro, nequaquam liberantes cuiquam aliquid de eisdem, donec vobis plenius innotuerit, quis ecclesiæ supradictæ canonice præfectus fuerit in abbatem. Valete. Datum apud Rikhale, iiij°. die Septembris, pontificatus nostri anno quarto.

f. 132 b.

Presentation to the chapel of Briggeford.

Præsentatio ad capellam de Briggeford.

Venerabili patri in Christo, domino Ricardo, Dunolmensi episcopo, suus filius Robertus de Lambeton', salutem, reverentiam et honorem. Ad capellam de Briggeford, vacantem, et ad præsentationem meam spectantem, paternitati vestræ dominum Johannem de Pamplesworth', capellanum, præsento ; supplicans et exorans vestram sanctam paternitatem, quatenus eum ad eandem capellam, caritatis intuitu, favorabiliter admittere, si placet, dignemini. In cujus rei testimonium, sigillum nostrum præsentibus est appensum. Datum apud Lambeton', nono decimo die mensis Augusti, anno Domini millesimo trecentesimo quartodecimo.

Inquisition made with reference to the church of Briggeford.

Inquisitio ejusdem.

Venerabili in Christo, patri, et domino suo reverendo, domino Ricardo, Dei gratia, Dunelmensi episcopo, suus humilis et devotus

[1] Ovid, *Remed. Amoris*, ll. 91, 92.

An. Episc. 4. clericus, domini Dunolmensis archidiaconi . . officialis, A.D. 1314.
filialem subjectionem, cum tam debitis quam devotis obedientia, reverentia, pariter et honore. Mandatum vestrum nuper recepi, tenorem continens infrascriptum :— Ricardus, permissione divina, Dunolmensis episcopus, dilecto filio, domino . . archidiacono Dunolmensi, vel ejus . . officiali, salutem etc. Præsentavit nobis dilectus filius, Robertus de Lambeton', dominum Johannem de Pampleworth' ad capellam de Briggeford', vacantem, et ad suam præsentationem spectantem, ut dicit. Quocirca, vobis mandamus quatenus, per rectores et vicarios vicinos, diligenter, non expectato loci capitulo, inquiratis an dicta capella vacet, et a quo tempore vacavit, et qualiter; quis sit verus patronus ejusdem; quis ad eam tempore pacis ultimo præsentavit; quis sit in possessione præsentandi; quantum valeat; an sit pensonaria, et cui et in quantum; an sit litigiosa, et inter quos, et qua occasione; de conditionibus etiam præsentati, an sit idoneus, et in quibus ordinibus constitutus; an sit alibi beneficiatus, et utrum de uno, vel de pluribus, beneficiis consimilem curam habentibus; et aliis articulis necessariis et consuetis. Et quid per inquisitionem inveneritis, sub sigillo vestro, una cum sigillis eorum per quos hujusmodi inquisitionem feceritis, distincte et aperte, in forma consueta, nobis constare dilucide faciatis. Datum apud Rych', xxiij°. die Augusti, consecrationis nostræ anno quarto.—Hujus igitur auctoritate mandati, die Jovis proxima post festum Sancti Cuthberti in Septembri, anno Domini millesimo ccc°. quartodecimo, in ecclesia Beati Nicholai, in Dunolmo, inquisitionem per rectores, vicarios et capellanos vicinos subscriptos, feci fieri diligentem,[1] videlicet, dominos Willelmum de Craystok', Henricum de Donington, et Rogerum de Heselarton', ecclesiarum Beatæ Mariæ in Ballio Boreali et Ballio Australi, et de Kymelesworth',

[1] *diligentem*] diligententem, MS.

A.D. 1314. rectores, ac dominos, Robertum de Crossegat', Willel- An. Episc. 4.
mum de Burdon', Walterum de Offington', Johannem de Pitington, Hugonem de Ildredon', et Willelmum de Dalton', ecclesiarum Beati Oswaldi Dunolmi, et Hethington, Bilingham, Pitindon', Heselden', et Dalton in Valle, vicarios, necnon dominos Willelmum de Bolton, Andream Burgeis, et Ricardum de Vico Sancti Ægidii, ecclesiarum de Langecestr', et Beatorum Nicholai et Ægidii de Dunolmo, capellanos parochiales. Qui dicunt, quod dicta capella de Briggeford' vacat per mortem domini Galfridi de Seton', nuper custodis ejusdem, et vacavit a quindena proxima ante festum beati Petri ad Vincula ultimo jam effluxum. Dicunt etiam, quod Robertus, dominus de Lambeton', est verus patronus ejusdem et ad eam tempore pacis ultimo præsentavit, ut intelligunt, et est in possessione præsentandi. Et dicunt, quod dicta capella valet sexaginta solidos annuatim, et quod non est pensionaria, neque litigiosa, quod ipsi sciunt. Dicunt insuper, quod præsentatus ad eam est bonæ conversationis, idoneus, et honestus, et in sacerdotali ordine constitutus, nec est alibi beneficiatus, nec etiam obest præsentanti, seu præsentato, aliquid quod sciatur. In cujus rei testimonium, sigillum meum quo utor in officio, una cum sigillis contestificantium, præsentibus est appensum. Conservet vos ad regimen et [ ] populi sui, Deus per tempora feliciter successiva. Datum apud Dunolmum, die et loco superius annotatis.

f. 133. Institution into the chapel of Briggeford. Institutio ejusdem. Ricardus, permissione divina, Dunolmensis episcopus, dilecto filio, domino Johanni de Pamplesworth', capellano, salutem, gratiam, et benedictionem. Ad capellam de Briggeford', vacantem, et ad præsentationem dilecti filii, Roberti de Lambeton', prout per inquisitionem, quam inde fieri fecimus, nobis plene constat, spectantem, te duximus admittendum, custodiam ejusdem, cum universis juribus suis et pertinentiis, ita tamen quod onera eidem incumbentia

An. Episc. 4. debite peragas et supportes, tibi, tenore præsentium committentes. In cujus rei testimonium, has literas patentes tibi fieri fecimus, sigilli nostri munimine roboratas. Datum apud Rychale, x°. die Septembris, anno Domini millesimo ccc°. quartodecimo, et pontificatus nostri quarto. A.D. 1314.

Inductio. Ricardus, etc., dilecto filio, domino archidiacono Dunolmensi, vel ejus . . officiali, salutem, gratiam et benedictionem. Quia dominum Johannem de Pamplesworth', capellanum, ad capellam de Briggeford', vacantem, et ad præsentationem dilecti filii, Roberti de Lambeton', spectantem, admisimus, custodia ipsius, cum universis juribus et pertinentiis suis, eidem commissa, vobis mandamus quatenus ipsum dominum Johannem in corporalem possessionem ejus capellæ, cum suis juribus et pertinentiis universis, inducatis, et inductum defendatis, canonice, vice nostra. Valete. Datum apud Rychal', ut supra. Mandate for the induction into the chapel of Briggeford.

Indulgentia. Memorandum, quod, xiij°. die mensis Septembris, facta fuit litera indulgentiæ pro anima Aliciæ quondam uxoris domini Galfridi de Sancto Quintino, militis; cujus corpus in capella de Harpham, infra parochiam ecclesiæ de Burton' Anneys, Eboracensis diœcesis, requiescit humatum. Indulgence of 40 days for praying for the soul of Alice, wife of Sir Geoffrey de St. Quintin, buried in the chapel of Harpham.

Indulgentia. Memorandum, quod, xiij°. die mensis Septembris, facta fuit litera indulgentiæ pro anima dominæ Johannæ de Wyvonia; cujus corpus in ecclesia Fratrum Minorum apud Cycestriam, Cycestrensis diœcesis, requiescit humatum. Indulgence of 40 days for praying for the soul of Lady Joan de Wyvonia, whose body is buried in the church of the Friars Minors at Chichester.

Obedientia prioris Carliolensis pro ecclesiis suis. Memorandum, quod, x°. die mensis Septembris, anno Domini etc. [M°.ccc°.] quartodecimo, in majori ecclesia, Eboraci, frater Gilbertus de Crosseby, prior ecclesiæ Beatæ Mariæ Canonical obedience of the prior of Carlisle to the bishop of Durham.

A.D. 1314. Karliolensis, venerabili patri, domino . . . episcopo Dunelmensi, canonicam præstitit obedientiam; qui curam et administrationem ecclesiarum, quas ipse prior et conventus dictæ ecclesiæ Karliolensis in usus proprios obtinent, eidem commisit, infra diœcesim Dunolmensem. An. Episc. 4.

Letters testimonial as to the reception of the first clerical tonsure.

Literæ testimoniales de ordinibus. Pateat universis per præsentes, quod, admissa coram nobis . ., officiali domini Dunolmensis episcopi, legitima probatione, per viros fidedignos, super admissione ordinum Johannis Renothemen, nobis constitit evidenter, ipsum Johannem, die Sanctæ Trinitatis, anno Domini millesimo ccc°. sexto, in capella Castri Bernardi, per impositionem sacrarum manuum venerabilis patris, domini Johannis, Bibliensis episcopi, vices, venerandæ memoriæ, patris, domini Antonii, sanctæ Jerosolymitanæ ecclesiæ patriarchæ, et episcopi Dunolmensis, tunc in ordinum collatione gerente, primam recepisse tonsuram clericalem. In cujus rei testimonium, has litteras nostras fieri fecimus patentes, sigillo nostræ officialitatis signatas. Datum apud Langecestr', iij°. kal. Junii, anno Domini millesimo ccc°.xiiij°.

Certificate by the bishop to the same effect.

Aliæ literæ de eodem. Ricardus, permissione etc., dilectis et fidelibus suis, justiciariis et ballivis quibuscunque, salutem etc. Quia per literas . . officialis nostri Dunolmensis, coram nobis exhibitas, nobis constat Johannem Renothemen, nostræ diœcesis, primam tonsuram clericalem a venerabili patre, domino Johanne, episcopo Bibliensi, vices venerabilis patris, bonæ memoriæ, domini Antonii, Dunolmensis episcopi, prædecessoris nostri, tunc in ordinum collatione gerente, legitime recepisse, vobis mandamus quatenus eundem Johannem, quantum ad vos spectat, gaudere permittatis privilegio clericali. In cujus rei testimonium, sigillum nostrum privatum præsentibus duximus apponendum. Datum

An. Episc. 4. apud Nabourn', xx°. die Septembris, anno Domini etc., [M°.ccc°.] xiiij. et consecrationis nostræ quarto. A.D. 1314.

Probatio testamenti domini Roberti de Clifford'.

In Dei nomine, Amen. [die] xviij°. Septembris, exhibito coram nobis, Ricardo, permissione divina, Dunolmensi episcopo, præsenti testamento, probationibus ejusdem visis, inspectis et cum omni diligentia recensitis, testamentum ipsum, pro rite et legitime probato, approbamus, Thomæ de Warchecopp', clerico, procuratori dominæ Matildæ, relictæ defuncti, et executricis testamenti ejusdem, ad petendum et recipiendum administrationem, nomine dominæ suæ, in bonis dicti defuncti, mandatum sufficiens ostendenti; liberam bonorum administrationem, infra jurisdictionem nostram existentium secundum formam Statuti super hoc editi, concedentes; reservata nobis potestate aliis executoribus in præsenti testamento nominatis, superstitibus, cum venerint, et onus administrationis subire voluerint, administrationem in forma consimili concedendi. In cujus rei testimonium, sigillum nostrum secretum præsentibus est appensum. Datum apud Nabourn', xviij°. die Septembris, anno Domini millesimo ccc°.xiiij°., et pontificatus nostri iiij°.

Probate of the testament of Robert de Clifford, and grant of administration to the attorney of the executrix: power to prove being reserved to the other executors.

Relaxatio sequestri in bonis ejusdem, et commissio administrationis.

Ricardus, permissione divina, Dunolmensis episcopus, dilecto filio, Johanni de Pollowe, sequestratori nostro, salutem, etc. Cum, ex assertione venerabilium patrum, dominorum, Dei gratia, archiepiscopi Eboracensis, Angliæ primatis, et episcopi Karliolensis, nobis constiterit testamentum domini Roberti de Clifford', defuncti, fuisse probatum legitime coram eis; vobis mandamus quatenus, amoto sequestro in bonis ipsius defuncti, ex officio vestro interposito, infra nostram diœcesim Dunolmensem administrationem eorundem bonorum Thomæ de Warchecopp' clerico, procuratori dominæ Matildæ relictæ ejusdem defuncti, et executricis ejusdem, recepto prius

Mandate for the release of the sequestration on the goods of the same Robert de Clifford, deceased.

f. 133 b.

A.D. 1314. ab ea juramento consueto de fideliter administrando et reddendo ratiocinium, cum fuerit requisitus, debite committatis. Valete. Datum apud Nabourn', xviij°. die Septembris, pontificatus nostri anno quarto. An. Episc. 4.

Indulgence of 40 days for the souls of Gilbert Gynel, and of Adam, Simon, Henry, Matilda, and Alice, children of the said Gilbert.

Memorandum indulgentiæ.— Quod xx°. die Septembris, anno Domini M°.ccc°.xiiij°., concessit dominus xl. dies veniæ, pro animabus Gilberti Gynel, Adæ, Simonis, Henrici, Matildæ, et Aliciæ, liberorum ejusdem Gilberti, et pro animabus omnium fidelium etc.

Licence to Hugh Swynburn, rector of the church of Knaresdale, to attend the Schools for one year.

Memorandum de licentia adeundi Scholas. Quod xxj°. die Septembris, anno Domini M°.ccc°.xiiij°., concessit dominus licentiam Hugoni de Swynburn', rectori ecclesiæ de Knaresdale, adeundi Scholas, a festo Sancti Michaelis proximo sequente, usque in annum revolutum.

Indulgence of 40 days for the soul of Stephen Wyles of York.

Memorandum indulgentiæ.— Quod, eodem die, concessit dominus xl. dies veniæ, pro anima Stephani Wyles, de Eboraco, et pro animabus omnium fidelium etc.

Indulgence of 40 days for the soul of Hillary, who was the wife of Sir William, constable of Flaynburgh.

Memorandum indulgentiæ.— Quod, eodem die, concessit dominus xl. dies veniæ, pro anima Hillariæ, quæ fuit uxor Willelmi, Constabularii de Flaynburgh', militis, et pro animabus omnium fidelium defunctorum etc.

Indulgence of 40 days for the souls of Hugh de Morlegh and William his son, whose bodies are buried in the churchyard of Leigch, in the diocese of Coventry and Lichfield.

Memorandum.— Quod, eodem die, concessit dominus xl. dies veniæ, pro animabus Hugonis de Morlegh' et Willelmi, filii ejus, quorum corpora in cœmeterio ecclesiæ parochialis de Leigch, Conventrensis et Lychfeldensis diœcesis, [requiescunt humata], et pro animabus omnium fidelium.

Grant of an indulgence of 40 days to those contributing to the fabric,

Indulgentia pro capella Beatæ Mariæ Virginis [de] Suthcave. Universis sanctæ matris ecclesiæ filiis præsentes literas inspecturis, Ricardus, permissione divina, Dunolmensis episcopus, salutem in Eo, per Quem fit remissio pecca-

An. Episc. 4. torum. Cupientes per allectiva indulgentiarum munera mentes fidelium ad caritatem [et] devotionis opera, quantum, cum Deo, possumus, propensius excitare, de ipsius omnipotentis Dei misericordia, gloriosæ Virginis Mariæ, matris suæ, beatorum apostolorum Petri et Pauli, necnon sanctissimi Cuthberti, confessoris et episcopi, patroni nostri, omniumque sanctorum, meritis et precibus confidentes, omnibus parochianis nostris, et aliis, quorum diœcesani hanc nostram indulgentiam ratam habuerint, et acceptam, de peccatis suis vere contritis pœnitentibus et confessis, qui ad capellam beatæ Mariæ Virginis in ecclesia de Suthcave, Eboracensis diœcesis, causa devotionis, orationis, seu peregrinationis, accesserint, vel ibidem divinum officium, seu verbum sanctæ prædicationis audierint, vel qui ad fabricam, luminaria, vestimenta, ornamenta, seu ad aliqua alia dictæ capellæ necessaria, manus porrexerint adjutrices, aut, in extremis laborantes, de suis facultatibus aliquid dederint, procuraverint, seu assignaverint, capellæ memoratæ; et qui pro salubri statu Alexandri de Cave, et Johannæ, uxoris ejus, dum iidem Alexander et Johanna vixerint, et pro animabus ipsorum, postquam ab hac luce migraverint, necnon pro animabus Petri de Cave, quondam patris ejusdem Alexandri, et Elenæ, matris ejusdem Alexandri, quorum corpora in ecclesia Omnium Sanctorum de Suthcave requiescunt humata, et pro animabus omnium fidelium etc., ac pro tranquillitate regni etc., orationem Dominicam, cum salutatione Virginis angelica, quotienscunque dixerint pia mente, xl. dies de injuncta sibi pœnitentia misericorditer relaxamus. In cujus rei etc. Datum apud Nabourn', xxiiij°. die Septembris, anno Domini millesimo ccc°.xiiij°., et pontificatus nostri quarto.

A.D. 1314. &c., of the chapel of St. Mary in the church of Suthcave, in the diocese of York.

Memorandum.— Quod eodem die, concessit dominus xl. dies veniæ, pro anima Hugonis Buscy, cujus corpus in ecclesia de Agham, Lincolniæ, requiescit

Indulgence of 40 days for the soul of Hugh Buscy, who

A.D. 1314. is buried in the church of Agham in the county of Lincoln.

humatum, et pro animabus omnium fidelium defunctorum etc. An. Episc. 4.

Memorandum of acquittance of the receiver of Durham for 86*l.*

Memorandum.— Quod die xxvij. mensis Septembris emanavit litera acquietanciæ domino Roberto de Brompton', receptori Dunolmensi, super iiij^{xx}. et sex *li.* solutis, apud Nabourn', anno consecrationis domini Ricardi episcopi quarto.

Absolution of John de Lilleford from the sentence of excommunication for contumacy.

Absolutio Johannis de Lilleford'. Ricardus, permissione divina, Dunelmensis episcopus, dilecto filio . . officiali nostro Dunolmensi, salutem etc. Quia Johannem de Lilleford' a sententiis excommunicationum, pro multiplicatis contumaciis, pariter et offensis, ad instantiam officii nostri, contractis, necnon et pro eo, quod parcos nostros temere, et contra ecclesiæ nostræ Dunolmensis, nostramque, libertatem, est ingressus, in ipsum rite latis, et quas per vos mandavimus publicari, jam ad gremium ecclesiæ redeuntem, et status sui reformationem humiliter postulantem, accedentibus ad id venerabilis in Christo patris, domini Willelmi, Dei gratia, Eboracensis archiepiscopi, Angliæ primatis potestate et licentia, in forma juris duximus absolvendum; vobis mandamus quatenus, in ecclesiis et locis in quibus dictas sententias publicari fecistis, ipsum sic absolutum nuncietis, et faciatis per alios publice nunciari. Valete. Datum apud Naburn', Eboracensis diœcesis, xxviij°. die Septembris, anno Domini millesimo ccc°. quartodecimo, et pontificatus nostri quarto.

f. 134. Precept to revoke the sentence of excommunication against the rectors of the churches of Seggefeld and Boldon.

Præceptum ad revocandum sententiam latam in personas de Seggefeld' et Boldon'. Ricardus, permissione divina, Dunolmensis episcopus, dilectis filiis, decano Dunolmensi, et rectori ecclesiæ beatæ Mariæ in Ballio Boreali, Dunolmi, salutem, gratiam et benedictionem. Quia, ut intelleximus, dilectos clericos nostros, rectores ecclesiarum de Seggefeld' et de Boldon', nostræ diœcesis, pro quatuor

An. Episc. 4. denariis de singulis libris, ad perficiendum arreragia subsidii, seu defensionis, episcopatus nostri, ab eisdem, ut dicitur, concessi, et non soluti, excommunicastis, seu excommunicatos tam in ecclesiis suis propriis quam aliis, denunciari mandastis; ex certis causis et legitimis, quæ nos movent, vobis mandamus quatenus dictas sententias, visis præsentibus, revocetis, et revocare publice faciatis. Valete. Datum apud Naburn', xxiij°. die Septembris. A.D. 1314.

Licentia adeundi Scholas.

Ricardus, permissione divina, Dunolmensis episcopus, dilecto filio, magistro Roberto, rectori ecclesiæ de Wynston', nostræ diœcesis, salutem, gratiam et benedictionem. Quum hiis, qui, ad profectum animarum, et ecclesiæ Dei regimen opportunum, ut processu temporis ex suis laboribus fructus uberes colligantur, affectant insistere studio literarum, pium reputamus, et honestum, consensum facilem exhibere, tuis petitionibus favorabiliter inclinati, ut in aliquo loco ubi Generale viget Studium, a festo Sancti Michaelis proximo futuro usque in annum revolutum, libere morari valeas, disciplinis scholasticis insistendo, et interim ad personalem residentiam in ecclesia tua minime tenearis, tecum, auctoritate constitutionis super hoc editæ, dispensamus. Proviso quod ecclesia tua, durante tempore prædicto, debitis et consuetis non defraudetur obsequiis, sed deserviatur eidem laudabiliter in divinis. Valete. Datum apud Naburn', xxiiij°. die Septembris, consecrationis nostræ anno iiij°. Licence for the rector of Wynston to attend the Schools for one year.

Litera privata testimonialis super exoneratione prioris super exactione compoti decimæ.

Venerandæ discretionis viro, domino J[ohanni] de Sandale, illustris regis Angliæ cancellario, Ricardus, permissione divina, Dunolmensis episcopus, salutem in sinceris amplexibus Salvatoris. De concessione decimæ domino Edwardo, Dei gratia, patri domini nostri, nunc regis Angliæ illustris, [anno] xxiiij°. facta, Letters testimonial concerning the exoneration of the prior and convent of Durham from any liability to account for tenths granted to

A.D. 1314. the late King.

et de processu habito circa collectionem ejusdem, infra diœcesim Dunolmensem, satis tenaci memoria recolentes, scimus veraciter, omni semota dubitatione, quod dilecti filii, prior (et conventus ecclesiæ nostræ Dunolmensis, a quibus jam exigitur, ut accepimus, compotum decimæ supradictæ, et [qui] super exactione ejusdem diutina vexatione fuerint fatigati,) onus colligendi dictam decimam nullatenus subierunt; nec eis, bonæ memoriæ, dominus Antonius, Dei gratia, Dunolmensis episcopus, prædecessor noster, auctoritatem præbuit colligendi, nec etiam, virtute alicujus commissionis eis factæ, aliquid de ipsa decima levarunt, aut etiam colligerunt; unde discretionem vestram intimis affectibus exoramus, quatenus, ut iidem prior et conventus in exactione compoti dictæ decimæ de cætero minime molestentur, dignemini, si placeat, efficaciter interponere partes vestras. Valete in Filio Virginis gloriosæ. Datum apud Naburn', xxvij°. die Septembris, consecrationis nostræ anno quarto. An. Episc. 4

The bishop's mandate to his official, relative to the debts due to John de Sandale, rector of the church of Simoundburgh.

Pro debitio domini Johannis de Sandale.

Ricardus, permissione divina, Dunolmensis episcopus, dilecto filio, domino officiali nostro Dunolmensi, salutem, gratiam, et benedictionem. Quia diversæ personæ parochiæ de Simoundburg', et aliæ nonnullæ nostræ diœcesis, venerabili viro, domino Johanni de Sandale, dictæ ecclesiæ rectori, pro decimis, ac aliis causis et contractibus, in diversis pecuniarum summis tenentur, ut accepimus, licet diu est solutionis termini sint elapsi, vobis mandamus, firmiter injungentes, quatenus, evocatis coram vobis debitoribus antedictis, juxta informationem procuratoris dicti domini Johannis in partibus illis, adeo summarie, et sine omni strepitu judiciali, et quatenus sine juris offensa potestis procedere, in omnibus negotiis ipsum in hac parte contingentibus, debitores ipsos, et eorum quemlibet per omnem censuram ecclesiasticam, ad solutionem debitorum,

An. Episc. 4. prout singulos eorum contingunt, legitime compellatis.[1] Quum scire vos volumus, quod negotia dicti domini Johannis, veluti propria, cordi nostro insident, ut nostrorum non minus ferventer quam expeditionem [suorum] celerem affectamus. Valete. Datum apud Naburn', xxviij°. die Septembris, consecrationis nostræ anno quarto. A.D. 1314.

Memorandum.— Quod tertio die Septembris, anno Domini etc. [M°.ccc°.] xiiij°., concessit dominus xl. dies veniæ omnibus eleemosynas suas conferentibus fabricæ novæ ecclesiæ Sanctæ Mariæ Magdalenæ de Munkbretton', Eboracensis diœcesis, etc. Indulgence of 40 days, for bestowing alms for the fabric of the new church of St. Mary Magdalene of Munkbretton, in the diocese of York.

Memorandum.— Quod eodem die, concessit dominus xl. dies veniæ, pro animabus Willelmi de Walcot' et Ricardi de Walcot', ac pro salubri statu Johannæ, quondam consortis prædicti Willelmi, dum vixerit, et pro anima ipsius, postquam ab hac luce migraverit, etc. Indulgence of 40 days, for the souls of William and Richard de Walcot', and for the health of Joan, formerly wife of the said William, so long as she shall live, and for her soul after her death.

Memorandum.— Quod tertio die Octobris, anno Domini millesimo ccc°.xiiij°., concessit dominus xl. dies indulgentiæ, pro anima Willelmi de Langeley, cujus corpus in ecclesia de Whytegift' requiescit humatum, et pro anima Agnetis, uxoris ejus, cujus corpus in cœmeterio de Athelingflet ecclesiasticæ traditur sepulturæ, et pro animabus omnium fidelium, etc. Indulgence of 40 days, for the soul of William de Langley, who is buried in the church of Whytegift, and for the soul of Agnes his wife, who is buried in the churchyard of Athelingflet'.

Citatio Matildæ de Neirford. Willelmus, permissione divina, Eboracensis archiepiscopus, Angliæ primas, venerabili fratri nostro, domino Ricardo, Dei gratia, Dunolmensi episcopo, salutem, et fraternæ caritatis in Domino continuum incrementum. Mandamus vobis, firmiter injungentes, quatenus citetis, seu citari faciatis, peremptorie, modis et viis quibus melius poteritis, Matildem f. 134 b. Citation of Matilda de Neyrford' to answer respecting certain articles concerning the health of her soul.

[1] *compellatis*] compellentes, MS.

A.D. 1314. de Neyrford', quod comparcat personaliter coram nobis, An. Episc. 4.
vel commissariis nostris, in ecclesia nostra Beati Petri Eboracensis, die Mercurii proxima post festum Sancti[1] Lucæ Evangelistæ, super quibusdam articulis, salutem animæ suæ contingentibus, de quibus ipsa, præ cæteris, novit melius veritatem, sibi, ex officio nostro canonice objiciendis, responsura, ac de veritate dicenda super eisdem juratura, factura ulterius, et receptura, quod justitia suadebit. Nos vero de modo et die citationis factæ, ac qualiter hoc nostrum mandatum fueritis executi, citra dictum diem, certificetis distincte, per vestras patentes literas, harum seriem continentes. Datum apud Eboracum, vj^to. non. Octobris, anno Gratiæ millesimo ccc^o. quartodecimo et pontificatus nostri nono.

Commission for the custody of the castle of Norham.

Commissio custodiæ castri de Norham.

Ricardus, permissione divina, Dunolmensis episcopus, dilectis et fidelibus suis comitatus [et] castri de Norham, salutem. Cum dilecto et fideli nostro, Waltero de Gosewyk', de cujus circumspecta fidelitate et diligentia probatam fiduciam obtinemus, custodiam castri nostri, et comitatus, prædictorum, commiserimus, usque ad nostræ voluntatis beneplacitum exercendam, dantes eidem tenore præsentium, plenariam potestatem firmas levandi et colligendi, placita quæcunque tenendi, ministros quoscunque amovendi, et eorum locis alios subrogandi, et omnia alia faciendi et exercendi, quæ per constabularium dicti castri fieri consueverunt et etiam exerceri, vobis omnibus et singulis, firmiter injungimus et mandamus quatenus eidem Waltero in omnibus, prout tenemini dicto Waltero, tanquam constabulario nostro prædicti castri, sitis, prout convenit, intendentes. In cujus rei testimonium, has literas nostras patentes dicto Waltero fieri, et nostro sigillo fecimus communiri. Datum apud Naburn', ix^o. die Octobris, anno Domini millesimo ccc^o. quartodecimo, et pontificatus nostri quarto.

[1] *Sancti*] Sanctæ, MS.

An. Episc. 4. Memorandum.— Quod iiij°. die Octobris, anno Domini millesimo ccc°.xiiij°., apud Naburn', concessit dominus xl. dies veniæ, omnibus qui ad capellam Beatæ Margaretæ virginis, de Boyleston, Conventrensis et Lychfeldensis diœcesis causa devotionis, orationis seu peregrinationis, accesserint, vel qui ad fabricam, luminaria, vestimenta, ornamenta, seu ad alia quæcunque dictæ capellæ necessaria, manus porrexerint adjutrices; necnon qui pro salubri statu Walteri Waldeshef' et Johannæ, uxoris ejus, dum iidem Walterus et Johanna vixerint, et pro animabus eorundem, postquam ab hac luce migaverint, ac pro animabus Walteri, patris prædicti Walteri, et Isabellæ, matris ejusdem, et Johannis Basinges, patris prædictæ Johannæ, quorum corpora in diversis locis requiescunt humata, et pro animabus omnium fidelium defunctorum orationem Dominicam, cum salutatione Virginis gloriosæ etc.

A.D. 1314. Indulgence of 40 days to persons going to the chapel of St. Margaret of Boyleston in diocese of Coventry and Lichfield, for devotion, and who shall contribute to the fabric, &c. of the said chapel, and pray for the prosperity of Walter Waldeshef and Joan his wife, during their lifetime, and for their souls after they are dead, and also for the souls of Walter, the father of the said Walter, and Isabella, the mother of the said Walter, and of John Basinges, the father of the said Joan.

Memorandum.— Quod eisdem die et anno, concessit dominus xl. dies indulgentiæ, omnibus, qui ad fabricam pontis de Botyton', qui est ultra Savern', inter episcopatus Herefordensem et Assavensem, vel ad reparationem ejusdem, de bonis sibi a Deo collatis, grata contulerint subsidia caritatis; et qui pro salubri statu Johannis de Cherleton', Hawysæ uxoris ejus et eorum liberorum;[1] Petri Corbet et Beatricis uxoris ejus, dum vixerint, et pro animabus eorundem, cum ab hac luce migraverint; pro animabus Johannis, patris, et Emmæ, matris, dicti Johannis, quorum corpora in ecclesia de Welington', Conventrensis et Lichfeldensis diœcesis, quiescunt humata; pro anima Audoeni de la Pole, cujus corpus in ecclesia Fratrum Minorum Salopiæ, ejusdem diœcesis, quiescit humatum; pro anima Griffini de la Pole, cujus corpus in ecclesia Fratrum Minorum apud Northampton', Lincolniensis diœcesis, requiescit

Indulgence of 40 days to those contributing to the building and repair of the bridge of Botyton beyond the Severn, between the bishoprics of Hereford and St. Asaph, and who shall pray for the prosperity of John de Cherleton, Hawysia his wife, and their children, of Peter Corbet, and Beatrice, his wife, during their lives, and for their souls after they are dead; and for the soul of John the father, and Emma the mother of the said John, whose bodies are buried in the church at Welington; and for the souls of Audoen and

[1] *liberorum*] liberis, MS.

A.D. 1314. Griffin Pole, who are buried in the church of the Minorites in Shrewsbury, and of Agnes de Upton.

humatum, et pro anima Agnetis de Upton', cujus corpus in ecclesia Sancti Ceddæ Salopiæ, dictæ Conventrensis et Lychfeldensis diœcesis, [quiescit humatum], et pro animabus omnium fidelium defunctorum, etc. An. Episc. 4.

Indulgence of 40 days, for the souls of brother William de Doneketon, formerly abbot of Tychefeld, whose body is buried in the church there; of John de Doneketon, the father of the same William, who is buried in the churchyard of Brunne Candavere, and for the souls of other persons here mentioned.

Memorandum.— Quod quinto die Octobris, anno Domini supradicto, concessit dominus xl. dies veniæ, pro animabus fratris Willelmi de Doneketon', quondam abbatis de Tychefeld', Wyntoniensis diœcesis, cujus corpus in eadem ecclesia, juxta altare beatorum confessorum Edmundi et Ricardi; Johannis de Doneketon', patris ejusdem Willelmi, cujus corpus in cœmeterio parochialis ecclesiæ de Byketon, ejusdem diœcesis; Aliciæ, uxoris ejusdem Johannis, cujus corpus in cœmeterio parochialis ecclesiæ de Brunne Candavere, dictæ diœcesis; et magistri Semanni, filii dicti Johannis, cujus corpus in ecclesia cathedrali Sancti Swythyni; requiescunt humata.

f. 135.

Indulgence of 40 days for praying for the prosperity of John de Pelham while he shall live, and for his soul after his death, and for the souls of John de Pelham, his father, who is buried in the churchyard of St. Paul's, London, and for the soul of Beatrice, his mother, who is buried in the church of St. Margaret Moyses, in Friday Street, London.

Memorandum.— Quod septimo die Octobris, anno Domini supradicto, apud Naburn', concessit dominus xl. dies indulgentiæ, omnibus orantibus pro salubri statu Johannis de Pelham, dum vixerit et pro anima ejusdem, cum ab hac luce migraverit; pro anima Johannis de Pelham, patris ejusdem Johannis, cujus corpus in cœmeterio Sancti Pauli, Londoniis, requiescit humatum; et pro anima Beatricis, matris ejusdem, cujus corpus in ecclesia Sanctæ Margaretæ Moysi in Frydaystrete, Londoniis, requiescit humatum; et pro animabus etc.

Indulgence of 40 days for the soul of Sir John de Hastinges, who is buried in the church of the Carmelite Friars, at Coventry.

Memorandum.— Quod eisdem die anno et loco concessit xl. dies, pro anima domini Johannis de Hastinges, militis, cujus corpus in ecclesia Fratrum Minorum, Conventriæ, requiescit humatum, et pro animabus etc.

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Memorandum.— Quod viij. die Octobris, anno Domini supradicto, apud Naburn', concessit xl. dies, pro animabus Galfridi Martyn', et Agnetis, quondam uxoris Johannis de Stapilton de Leycestr', quorum corpora in cœmeterio beati Martini de Leycestr', Lincolniensis diœcesis, requiescunt humata, et pro animabus etc.

A.D. 1314. Indulgence of 40 days for the souls of Geoffrey Martin, and Agnes formerly the wife of John de Stapilton of Leicester, whose bodies are buried in the churchyard of St. Martin, at Leicester.

Obligatio rectoris de Brandesby.

Tenore præsentium pateat universis, quod ego, Ricardus de la Ryver', rector ecclesiæ de Brandesby, Eboracensis diœcesis, teneor et efficaciter sum astrictus venerabili patri, domino Ricardo, Dei gratia, Dunolmensi episcopo, in quadraginta libris sterlingorum, pro transgressionibus in parco suo de Crayk' per me sibi factis; quam quidem pecuniæ summam promitto me, fide media et corporali, præstito juramento, eidem patri, in festo Purificationis beatæ Mariæ proximo futuro, fideliter et integre soluturum. Ad quam pecuniæ solutionem, ut præmittitur, faciendam, me et omnia bona mea, mobilia et immobilia, eidem patri obligo, per præsentes. In cujus rei testimonium, sigillum meum præsentibus est appensum. Datum apud Naburn', viij°. die mensis Octobris, anno Domini millesimo trecentesimo quartodecimo.

Obligation of the rector of the church of Brandesby, in diocese of York, to the bishop of Durham, for trespasses committed in his park of Crayk.

Litera missa priori Dunolmensi pro episcopo Carliolensi.

Ricardus, permissione divina, Dunolmensis episcopus, dilectis filiis . . priori et conventui ecclesiæ nostræ Dunolmensis, salutem, gratiam et benedictionem. Affectuosis pulsati precibus majorum totius regni, ac multæ sollicitudinis instantia requisiti, ut, ad desolationem et diutinam vexationem venerabilis patris domini Johannis, Dei gratia, Carliolensis episcopi, convertentes animum, et compassionis oculum dirigentes, sibi et successoribus suis ecclesiam de Routhbyrs in usus velimus proprios concedere, cum hujus appropriationem procurandi et habendi domini nostri regis voluntatem habeat,

Letter missive from the bishop of Durham to the prior and convent of Durham in favour of granting the church of Routhbyrs to the bishop of Carlisle.

A.D. 1314. et assensum, usquequo nobis vester in hoc unanimis innotuerit consensus, et expressa voluntas, hujusmodi supplicationibus minime duximus respondendum. Quia tamen summa est ratio quæ pro religione facit, et, ex illatis vobis passionibus in partibus Marchiæ per experientiam, didicisti quemadmodum sit aliorum afflictionibus compatiendum, et ei potissime, qui in toto corpore suæ diœcesis patitur, condolendum, necnon ad hujus subventionem, dummodo indemnitati ecclesiæ nostræ Dunolmensis prospici valeat, opportune debeatis facilius inclinari, devotioni vestræ injungimus et mandamus, quatenus quid in præmissis sanius censueritis faciendum nobis, per latorem præsentium, ex deliberato consilio, rescribatis. Valete. Datum apud Naburn', v°. die Octobris. An. Episc. 4.

Agreement between the prior of Durham and Thomas de New Haye, prebendary of Aukland, relative to the tithes of the Old Park.

Concordia inter priorem Dunolmensem et Thomam de Nova Haya.

Universis Christi fidelibus præsentes literas inspecturis, Thomas de Nova Haia, præbendarius in ecclesia præbendali de Aukland', Dunolmensis diœcesis, salutem in Domino. Noveritis quod cum inter religiosos viros dominos, . . priorem et conventum monasterii Dunolmensis, ex una parte, et me, nomine præbendæ meæ, ex altera, super decimis provenientibus de Veteri Parco in eadem diœcesi, mota fuisset materia quæstionis, ego, Thomas antedictus, pro bono pacis, et ad onera laborum et sumptuum evitanda, necnon dictorum religiosorum affectionem et benevolentiam uberius promerendas, volo, concedo, et fateor, per præsentes, quod dicti prior et conventus percipiant et habeant pro toto tempore, quo tenuero præbendam quam nunc habeo, in dicta ecclesia de Aukland', decimas supradictas pacifice sine molestatione aliqua, mei vel cujuscunque alterius, nomine meo; jure venerabilis in Christo patris et domini mei, domini [Ricardi], Dei gratia, Dunolmensis episcopi, et successorum suorum, necnon mihi in dicta præbenda succedentium, in omnibus semper salvo. In cujus rei

An. Episc. 4. testimonium, sigillum meum, una cum sigillo venerabilis patris et domini mei, domini Ricardi, Dei gratia, Dunolmensis episcopi, præsentibus est appensum. Datum apud Rykhale, x°. die mensis Octobris, anno etc. [M°.ccc°.]xiiij°. A.D. 1314.

[1] Universis ad quos præsentes literæ pervenerint, Thomas de Nova Haia, præbendarius in ecclesia præbendali de Aukland' Dunolmensis diœcesis, salutem in Domino sempiternam. Noveritis quod cum religiosi viri, domini prior et conventus Dunolmensis, mihi, pro laudabili servitio meo eis impenso, et in futurum fideliter impendendo, concesserint annuam pensionem x. marcarum, percipiendarum ad duos anni terminos, donec mihi provisum fuerit per eosdem de beneficio ecclesiastico, quod duxero acceptandum; volo et concedo, quod si contingat me dictam præbendam meam resignare gratis, et spontanea voluntate, vel qualitercunque dimittere, quod extunc dicti prior et conventus ad solutionem dictæ annuæ pensionis mihi nullatenus teneantur, et literæ, quas dicti religiosi mihi super dicta pensione fecerunt, nullum omnino robur obtineant firmitatis. In cujus rei testimonium, sigillum meum, una cum sigillo venerabilis patris et domini mei, domini Ricardi, Dei gratia, Dunolmensis episcopi, præsentibus est appensum. Datum, ut supra. Grant of an annual pension of ten marks to Thomas de New Haye by the prior and convent of Durham, and proviso made by him in reference thereto.

Excusatio non-residentiæ decani de Aukeland'. Ricardus, permissione divina, Dunolmensis episcopus, dilecto filio, magistro Thomæ de Clifford', decano ecclesiæ præbendalis de Aukeland', nostræ diœcesis, salutem, gratiam et benedictionem. Cum personæ conditio, temporis et loci qualitas, statuta pœnalia, tam juris quam hominis ratione prævia moderari suadeant ac permittant, et æquitatem præferre rigori, pium fore credimus, et f. 135 b. Letter of dispensation for non-residence in favour of the dean of Aukeland, it being at the risk of death or captivity.

[1] There is no marginal note to this entry.

A.D. 1314. opportunum, quos juris vel hominis offensa fatigari posse conspicimus, seu notari, quantum ad nos attinet, ex causis habere legitimis excusatos a pœna, et eorum excusationem in aliorum deducere notitiam testimonio veritatis. Cum igitur, propter inquietudinem temporis, ex gravi et diutina guerra inter Angliæ et Scotiæ regna suscitata, et varias incommoditates, tam ex deprædatione bonorum mobilium et se moventium, quam captivitate et incarceratione hominum, illis in partibus subito et frequentius emergentes, notorie fueris impeditus, quominus in ecclesia prædicta continuam potueris facere residentiam, prout, juxta ordinationem, bonæ memoriæ, domini Antonii, prædecessoris nostri, facere debuistis, super non facta hujusmodi residentia, quam absque mortis seu captivitatis periculo minime facere potuisti, quantum in nobis est, cum ipsam per interpolatas vices feceris, juxta temporis qualitatem, te sufficienter excusatum habemus, offensam, et pœnam, si quam hac occasione contraxeris, tibi, quantum possumus, remittentes. In cujus rei etc. Datum apud Rychale. An. Episc. 4

Certificate of the citation of Matilda de Neyrford.

Certificatorium citationis Matildæ de Neyrford, ut in folio præcedenti.

Venerabili in Christo patri domino Willelmo, Dei gratia, Eboracensi, archiepiscopo, Angliæ primati, Ricardus, permissione divina, Dunolmensis ecclesiæ minister humilis, salutem, cum debitis et devotis obedientia, reverentia, et honore. Mandatum vestrum sexto non. Octobris recepimus continentiæ subsequentis :—Willelmus etc. (ut supra, folio præcedente.[1]) Et licet extra nostram diœcesim hujusmodi mandatum, ut credimus, admittere vel exequi minime teneremur, ad vestræ tamen requisitionis instantiam, et quorundam procerum et magnatum rogatum, qui, in præsentia domini nostri regis, nos super hoc requisiverunt instanter, ad manerium abbatis de Bella Landa, in Clifton, juxta Eboracum, ubi dicta Matilda hospitabatur, et tunc et ante ut vulgariter

[1] See p. 163 *ante*.

An. Episc. 4. dicebatur, et communiter, moram traxit, eodem die personaliter accedentes, a domino Alexandro de Mounfort, milite, et Roberto de Reppes, domicello, familiaribus nobilis viri . . comitis de Warrenna, tunc in aula ejusdem manerii præsentibus, petivimus instanter, ut ad præfatam Matildem nobis pateret accessus; cumque diutius expectantes minime potuissemus ipsius præsentiam obtinere, edictum vestrum citatorium eisdem militi et domicello, magistris Andrea de Tang' et Ricardo de Ganio, notariis publicis, ac multis aliis, assistentibus, ostendentes, juxta [formam] et effectum ipsius, ipsam Matildem, quantum potuimus, ad prædictos diem et locum citavimus, in præsentia eorundem, præfatis militi et domicello edicti citatorii copiam offerentes, quam expresse coram multis admittere recusarunt. Sanctæ paternitati etc. Datum apud Eboracum, quinto non. Octobris, anno Domini supradicto. A.D. 1314.

[Liter]a domini archiepiscopi [quo]d non intendit præjudicare domino . . mandatum præcedens.

Letter of the archbishop of York to the bishop of Durham, relative to the citation of the above-named Matilda de Neyrford, stating that the citation shall not act to his prejudice.

Venerabili in Christo fratri nostro, domino Ricardo, Dei gratia, Dunolmensi episcopo, Willelmus, permissione divina, Eboracensis archiepiscopus, Angliæ primas, salutem, et fraternæ caritatis in Domino continuum incrementum. Literas vestras recepimus, continentes quod a quibusdam timetur, vobis et vestris successoribus posse præjudicium forsitan generari ex eo quod mandatum nostrum, vobis nuper directum, ad citandum Matildem de Nayrford', fuistis executi, propter quod velletis quod literas nostras vobis concederemus, in forma competenti, quod factum vestrum hujusmodi non trahetur posteris in exemplum. Nos itaque, habita deliberatione super dictis vestris literis cum nostro concilio, tunc præsenti, conjecturari non potuimus, quovis modo in quo vel qualiter ex hujusmodi facto vobis aut vestris successoribus seu ecclesiæ vestræ, possit præjudicium generari; nec nostræ intentionis extitit vel existit, vos in hoc facto præjudicialiter

A.D. 1314. onerare. Conservet vos Altissimus in prosperis, ad ecclesiæ vestræ regimen et honorem. Datum apud Munketon', xiiij°. kal. Novembris, pontificatus nostri anno nono. An. Episc. 4.

Acquittance of the account of John Stywardman of Evenwod, late bailiff of the manors of Aukeland and Evenwod.

Acquietancia compoti Johannis de Evenwod'.

Universis Christi fidelibus præsentes literas inspecturis, Ricardus, permissione divina, Dunolmensis episcopus, salutem in omnium Salvatore. Noveritis quod cum Johannes Stywardman, de Evenwod', coram auditoribus per nos ad hoc deputatis, compotum suum, de tempore quo maneriorum nostrorum de Aukeland' et Evenwod' serviens et ballivus extiterit, de omnibus receptis, expensis, et liberatis, per eundem, sufficienter reddiderit, ita quod versus nos in nulla summa pecuniæ ipsum oneratum comperimus remanere, nos præfatum Johannem, allocatis sibi quibuscunque rationabiliter allocandis, ab onere dicti compoti, de toto tempore quo
f. 136. dictorum maneriorum serviens extitit, et ballivus, usque in diem confectionis præsentium, absolvimus et exuimus, per præsentes. In cujus rei testimonium, præsentes literas dicto Johanni fieri fecimus, sigilli nostri munimine roboratas. Datum apud Stokton', xxvj°. die Octobris, anno Domini etc. xiiij°., et consecrationis nostræ quarto.

Licence to John de Norton to receive 30*l.* from Robert de Pykering to pay Bernard de Bergh, vicar of the collegiate church of Norton.

Licentia tradita magistro Johanni de Norton' ad recipiendum xxx. libras de magistro Roberto de Pykeryng', et solvendum vicario qui nunc est.

Ricardus, permissione divina, Dunolmensis episcopus, magistro Johanni de Norton, clerico et familiari domini Johannis de Pykeryng', vicarii ecclesiæ collegiatæ de Norton', nuper defuncti, salutem, gratiam et benedictionem. Ad triginta libras quas vir reverendus, magister Robertus de Pykeryng', decanus Eboracensis ipsi defuncto, dum vixit, se debuisse fatetur, et ab eodem, defuncti nomine, recepisti liberandum et tradendum domino Bernardo de Bergh', nunc vicario ecclesiæ prædictæ, pro repa-

An. Episc. 4. randis defectibus qui in cancello, libris, et vestimentis, ipsius ecclesiæ, et domibus dictæ vicariæ, tempore præfati domini Johannis, prout per inquisitionem, de mandato nostro, super hiis factam, accepimus, pervenerunt, tibi damus licentiam, et liberam tribuimus facultatem, et, quantum in nobis est, te de prædicta pecunia quietamus. In cujus rei testimonium, præsentes literas tibi fieri, et nostro sigillo fecimus communiri. Datum apud Naburn', Eboracensis diœcesis, vj°. die mensis Octobris, anno Domini M°.ccc°. quartodecimo, et consecrationis nostræ quarto. A.D. 1314.

Citatio. Citation of Richard, son of John, son of Marmaduc.

Ricardus, etc., dilecto filio . . . . decano Christianitatis Dunolmensi, salutem, gratiam et benedictionem. Supplicavit nobis vir nobilis et discretus, dominus Ricardus, filius domini Johannis filii Marmaduci, nuper defuncti, quod cum per quamdam sententiam, super bonis dicti defuncti, et executionem ipsius, ad instantiam executoris ejusdem testamenti, si quod fecit, contra ipsum, auctoritate nostra ut dicit, prolatam, (quam quidem sententiam nullam esse prætendit, quod se offert instantissime probaturum,) sentiat indebite se gravatum, velimus sibi certos diem et locum, ad proponendum rationes et jura contra easdem assignare, et etiam deputare, super quibus audientiam sibi concessimus, ut est justum; unde vobis mandamus, firmiter injungentes, quatenus peremptorie citetis dictum dominum Ricardum, quod compareat coram nobis, vel commissariis nostris, uno vel pluribus, in Galilæa Dunolmi, proximo die juridico post festum Sancti Martini in hieme, super nullitate sic coram nobis allegata, rationes et jura, si quæ vel quas habeat, contra hujusmodi sententiam, præcise et peremptorie propositurus, facturus et recepturus quod juris fuerit et consonum rationi; et dictos executores, quod dictis die et loco intersint, ad faciendum, in eodem negotio, quod qualitas, et natura, ejusdem exigit et

A.D. 1314. requirit, et justum fuerit, in præmissis. Qualiter autem præsens mandatum fueritis executi, nos vel commissarios nostros, unum vel plures, ad dictos diem et locum, per vestras patentes literas, harum seriem continentes, curetis reddere certiores. Datum apud Stoketon', xxv°. die Octobris, anno Domini etc. [M°.ccc°.]xiiij°., et consecrationis nostræ quarto. An. Episc. 4.

Citation of John de Horbirie, calling himself rector of the church of Horseley.

Citatio rectoris de Horseley.

Ricardus, permissione divina, Dunolmensis episcopus, dilecto filio, . . . officiali archidiaconi Northumbriæ, salutem, gratiam et benedictionem. Vobis, in virtute obedientiæ, firmiter injungendo, mandamus quatenus peremptorie citetis dominum Johannem de Horbirie, qui se dicit rectorem ecclesiæ de Horseley, quod compareat coram nobis vel commissario nostro, in Galilæa Dunolmi, die Mercurii proxîmo post festum Sancti Martini, nobis, ex officii nostri debito, super sibi objiciendis personaliter responsurus, facturusque ulterius, et recepturus, quod justitia suadebit. Quid autem in præmissis feceritis, nos, vel commissarium nostrum, dictis die et loco, per vestras patentes literas, harum seriem continentes, curetis reddere certiores. Datum apud Stokton', vj. kal. Novembris, anno Domini millesimo ccc°.xiiij°., et consecrationis nostræ quarto.

Composition between the master of the hospital of Kypier, and the rector of the church of Ryton, relative to the tithe of corn.

Compositio inter magistrum Hospitalis de Kypier et rectorem ecclesiæ de Ryton'.

Præsens indentura tripartita testatur, quod cum inter dominum Hugonem de Monte Alto, magistrum Hospitalis de Kypier, ex parte una, et magistrum Johannem de Botheby, rectorem ecclesiæ de Ryton', ex altera, tam super jure, quam [super] possessione percipiendi quemdam annuum redditum duarum marcarum pro medietate decimæ garbarum de dominicis venerabilis patris, domini episcopi Dunolmensis, infra parochiam de Ryton', juxta quamdam compositionem, inter magistrum Johannem de London', olim magistrum Hospitalis de Kypier, et magistrum Willelmum de Marghe, rectorem

An. Episc. 4. ecclesiæ de Ryton', initam, et per, inclitæ memoriæ, A.D. 1314.
dominum Walterum, episcopum Dunolmensem, approbatam et confirmatam, (prout in literis ejusdem prædecessoris nostri, et earundem partium, plenius continetur,) quam quidem medietatem decimæ magistri et fratres de Kypyer, pro tempore existentes, ante dictam compositionem initam, perceperunt, et postmodum per nonnulla tempora dictum annuum redditum pacifice possederunt, orta esset materia quæstionis demum dicti Hugo, pro se et præfato hospitali, ac magister Johannes, pro se et ecclesia sua prædicta, coram nobis, Ricardo, Dei gratia, episcopo Dunolmensi, xxij°. die Aprilis, anno Domini millesimo cccxiiij°., infra castellum nostrum f. 136 b.
Dunolmense, personaliter constituti, ac lites, amfractus, sumptuosos labores, et expensas laboriosas, evitare volentes, se, sponte, pure, et absolute, pro se et successoribus suis, super præmisso annuo redditu duarum marcarum, et ejusdem perceptione, ordinationi nostræ se supposuerunt, et etiam submiserunt; unde nos hujusmodi suppositionem et submissionem, pro bono pacis, auctoritate ordinaria, ac expresso consensu eorundem, admittentes, cupientes quod tam dicto hospitali quam ecclesiæ præfatæ prospicere in hac parte, ordinamus quod dictus Hugo, ut[1] magister hospitalis supradicti et sui successores, qui pro tempore fuerint, inperpetuum annuum redditum duarum marcarum, pro medietate dictarum garbarum provenientium de decimis episcopi Dunolmensis, infra parochiam ecclesiæ suæ de Ryton', de quibus magistri et fratres præfati hospitalis, post præfatam compositionem, ut præmittitur, initam, percipere consueverunt, libere et integre percipiant perpetuis temporibus in futurum. Quodque dictus Hugo, et successores sui singulis annis inperpetuum, die anniversarii, celebris memoriæ domini Antonii Dunolmensis episcopi, prædecessoris nostri, unam missam solemnem et convenientem, cum "Placebo" et "Dirige," pro anima

[1] *ut*] et in MS.

A.D. 1314. ejusdem episcopi, faciant in ecclesia de Kypier, ad perpetuam rei memoriam, celebrari. Et ad hujusmodi ordinationem nostram inviolabiliter et inperpetuum observandam, in forma subscripta, præfatos Hugonem et Johannem personaliter, et in eorundem personas, successores suos, supra nostra auctoritate ordinaria, condemnavimus, et condemnamus in hiis scriptis. In cujus rei testimonium, hanc scripturam tripartitam fieri fecimus; et parti remanenti penes dictum magistrum Johannem, sigillum nostrum et sigillum dicti domini Hugonis, pro se et successoribus suis, parti vero remanenti penes dictum dominum Hugonem, sigillum nostrum ac sigillum dicti magistri Johannis, pro se et successoribus suis, et parti remanenti penes nos, dictorum magistri Johannis et domini Hugonis sigilla, ad perpetuam rei memoriam, sunt appensa. Datum apud Dunolmum, die et anno supradictis, et consecrationis nostræ tertio. An. Episc. 4.

Letter from certain cardinals to the archbishop of York narrating the circumstances of an outrage perpetrated against them by the Gascons at Carpentras.

Litera cardinalium missa archiepiscopo.

Venerabili in Christo patri, domino . ., Dei gratia, archiepiscopo Eboracensi, et suffraganeis ejus, amicis carissimis, miseratione Domini frater Nicholaus Ostiensis et Welleccen' episcopus, Neapoleo Sancti Adriani, Guillelmus Sancti Nicholai in Carcere Tulliano, Franciscus Sanctæ Mariæ in Cosmeden', Jacobus et Petrus de Columpna, sanctæ Romanæ ecclesiæ diaconi cardinales, salutem et sinceræ dilectionis affectum. Etsi ab universis et singulis Christianæ fidei detestanda cultoribus pericula gravia et scelerata flagitia præsumpta nuper in curia, et crudeliter perpetrata, per Vascones, in offensam Dei, et ecclesiæ Romanæ contemptum, gravemque concussionem status ipsius, nisi superna sibi dextera quæ Petrum in fluctibus, ne mergeretur, erexit, ac etiam nobis, quos de mortis eripuit faucibus, astitisset, credamus ad aures vestras, per vulgaris famæ proloquium, pervenisse, neque geramus dubium audita facinora, velut acuta jacula, vehementer vestra, ob zelum

An. Episc. 4. divini nominis, et honorem ecclesiasticæ, pupugisse præ- A.D. 1314.
cordia; quia tamen interdum, loci distantia facti variat veritatem, ipsam vobis, puram et liquidam, nulla verborum fictione compositam, vestro conspectui præsentamus. Et quidem, dum nos, et alii ejusdem ecclesiæ cardinales, post obitum domini Clementis papæ, v^ti., essemus in episcopali palatio civitatis Carpentoracensis, ad eligendum futurum summum pontificem, sub uno conclavi, et nos, cardinales Italici, non quærentes quæ nostra sunt, sed quæ Dei, neglectis singularibus affectionibus reciprocis in nos ipsos, peteremus hominem ad sustentandas columnas ecclesiæ, qui dictam ecclesiam reformandam dirigeret, essetque in hoc tantum omnis nostra cura, omnis intentio, hic affectus subito Vasconcs, seu quod libram examinis, sub summo futuro pontifice, teste conscientia, formidarent, seu quod armorum violentia crederent hæreditario jure Dei sanctuarium possidere, ex deliberato atque proposito, tamen sub palliato colore deferendi, videlicet, corpus ejusdem papæ, in copiosa peditum et equitum armatorum multitudine convenerunt. Et scelus, quod mente conceperant, producentes in actum, die xxiij^to. Julii, arma sumpserunt bellica, et sub ordinatione Bertrandi de Gotz et Raymundi Guillelmi, dicti papæ nepotum, civitatem Carpentoracensem intrantes, multos curiales Italicos, (cum solum Italici peterentur ad mortem) immaniter trucidarunt. Et si ad prædam convertentes, et spolia, crescente rabie, ferinoque fervescente furore, in diversis civitatis partibus incendia posuerunt; nec hiis contenti, plurium cardinalium, ex nobis hospitia duris insultibus et injectis ignibus invadentes, bella ibidem acerrima, cum clangore tubarum, hostiliter intulerunt. Invalescente tandem graviori periculo, et gravissimo, sicut in captis civitatibus assolet, increbescente rumore multitudo Vasconum armatorum ostium dicti conclavis obsedit, acclamando,—"Moriantur cardinales Italici, moriantur, "volumus papam, volumus papam." Et ipsis in hujusmodi acclamatione frementibus, alia multitudo Vasconum f. 137.

A.D. 1314. equitum armatorum, plateam dicti conclavis invasit, similibus, circumdato palatio, vocibus acclamando. Nos vero, præfati cardinales Italici, circumsepti tantis angustiis, et mori tam turpiter, tam crudeliter, metuentes, cum omnia circa conclave armatorum multitudo teneret, neque publicus pateret egressus, tandem posteriorem murum palatii, facto inibi parvo foramine, pro nostra salute, rupimus. Et de Carpentoraco postmodum discedentes, dispersi, non sine mortis periculo, per loca diversa secessimus, et, per misericordiam Dei quæ salvos nos reddidit, ad terras pervenimus amicorum. Consideret igitur vestra prudentia, quod ab ipsorum Vasconum feritate non defuit, quin, effuso sanguine principalium membrorum ecclesiæ quæ benignis ipsos lactavit uberibus, ditavit, et complevit honoribus, statum ejus confusione perpetua, et impressione, confunderent, ac Christianum nomen infidelibus darent in derisum et fabulam, et opprobrium sempiternum. Cæterum, præmissis omnibus, quæ, cum tantis injuriis, passi sumus nequaquam obstantibus, nos pacem et unitatem ecclesiæ petimus, ipsasque summo conamine procuramus. Sed si ex aliena culpa procederet negotium, quod avertat Altissimus, ad rupturam, de vestro erga Dominum et ecclesiam zelo, certos vos reddimus, quod una nobiscum, qui Dei honorem, et quod rectum est, agimus, et pro justitia et veritate certamus, fides vestra concurret. Et sic per vos, et alios orthodoxæ fidei professores, ipsi Domino Jhesu Christo, et ecclesiæ sanctæ suæ, in sua causa favebitur, sic promptis affectibus assistetur, quod et divino honori congruet, et eidem ecclesiæ satisfiet. Datum Valentiæ, die xiiij°. mensis Septembris. An. Episc. 4.

Commission to hear the appeal made by Richard Marmaduk' against the sentence given against him in the matter be-

Commissio inter dominum Ricardum Marmaduk' et executores testamenti patris sui.

Ricardus, permissione divina, Dunolmensis episcopus, dilectis filiis, domino Henrico priori de Fynkhale, fratri Ricardo de Insula, magistris Adæ de Morpath' et Ricardo de Cotes, Dunolmensis et Northumbriæ archidiaconorum officialibus, salutem,

An. Episc. 4. gratiam et benedictionem. De vestræ circumspectionis industria plenam in Domino fiduciam obtinentes, ad audiendum et discutiendum rationes et jura, quæ, vel quas, dominus Ricardus Marmaduk' se prætendit habere, contra sententiam, et executionem ejusdem, super bonis et testamento patris sui per nos, ad executorum dicti testamenti instantiam, dudum latam, ac super juribus et rationibus, tam per dictum dominum Ricardum, quam per præfatos executores, coram vobis rationabiliter et legitime proponendis, pronunciandum, et ulterius, quod justum fuerit exequendum, vobis quatuor, tribus, aut duobus, vestrum, vices nostras committimus, cum coercionis canonicæ potestate. Valete. Datum apud Stoketon', xxx. die Octobris, consecrationis nostræ anno quarto.

A.D. 1314. tween him and the executors of his father's will.

Generalis sententia contra detinentes legata vel alia de capella de Hertillpoll'.

Ricardus, permissione divina, Dunolmensis episcopus, dilecto filio domino Stephano de Cotum, perpetuo vicario ecclesiæ parochialis de Hert', salutem, etc. Quia plerique fideles infra parochiam ecclesiæ prædictæ de Hert', in anteactis temporis decedentes, altari beatæ Mariæ, in ecclesia Sanctæ Hildæ et capella Sanctæ Elenæ, in villa de Hertrepoll, situatis, nonnulla bona et redditus in testamentis suis, sicut accepimus legaverunt; de quibus executores eorundem defunctorum dictis altari et capellæ minime satisfecerunt, sed[1] ea occupant, et detinere non metuunt, in animarum suarum periculum, juris ecclesiastici læsionem, et jacturam, impedientes nihilominus pias ultimas decedentium voluntates; propter quod non est dubium ipsos, et eorum quemlibet, in sententiam excommunicationis, majoris, a canone latam damnabiliter incidisse; quocirca vobis mandamus, firmiter injungentes quatenus omnes et singulos parochianos vestros, qui, ex causa prædicta, vel

General sentence of excommunication against those detaining legacies and other things bequeathed to the church and chapel of Hertrepoll.

[1] *sed*] se, MS.

A.D. 1314. alia quacunque, redditus, seu bona alia quæcunque, An. Episc. 4. dictis altari et capellæ debent, et, legitimis monitionibus præmissis, ut de,[1] eisdem congruo loco, et tempore quod ad hoc duxeritis statuendum, competenter satisfaciant, ea solvere differrunt, seu etiam contradicunt, ad solutionem dictorum reddituum et bonorum, per sententias excommunicationis, in ecclesiis et locis ubi magis expedire videritis, auctoritate nostra, arctius compellatis. Valete. Datum apud Stokton', xxx. die Octobris, anno Domini millesimo trecentesimo quartodecimo, et consecrationis nostræ quarto.

Memorandum of a letter from the bishop to the chancellor of Durham, for the caption of John de Chilton.

Memorandum.— Quod ultimo die Octobris, anno Domini supradicto, emanavit dominus unam literam R. . . . . cancellario suo, pro captione Johannis de Chilton', etc.

Citation of the prior and convent of Durham to attend the bishop's visitation in the cathedral church.

Citatio prioris et conventus Dunolmensibus. Ricardus, permissione divina, Dunolmensis episcopus, prædilectis in Christo filiis, dominis . . . priori et conventui ecclesiæ nostræ Dunolmensis, salutem, cum benedictione, et gratia Salvatoris. Qui summum sacerdotem [2] Hely, licet in se bonus existeret, pro eo quod filiorum excessus efficaciter non corripuit, in se, pariter et in ipsis animadversionis divinæ vindictam legimus ex-

f. 137 b. cepisse, propriæ conscientiæ fiduciam non habentes, caute debemus prospicere, et provide procurare, ne, per negligentiam, delicta filiorum, una cum nostris, deferamus nobiscum damnabiliter, in extremo severi Judicis examine punienda. Volentes igitur, prout, ex debito commissi nobis officii, incumbit, diligenter agnoscere pecoris nostri vultum, et, ex mutua visione, status ipsius habere notitiam pleniorem, ad ecclesiam nostram Dunolmensem, tanquam ovile præcipuum gregis nostri, ad mores inhabitantium, in quantum poterimus, in melius reformandos, et excessus, si qui fuerint, in quan-

[1] *de*] Dei in MS. | [2] 1 Samuel, ii. 29, 31.

An. Episc. 4. tum requirit facti qualitas, puniendos, causa debitæ visitationis in eadem, in mansuetis paternæ caritatis visceribus, tam in capite quam in membris, actualiter exercendæ, die Mercurii proxima post instans festum Sancti Martini, videlicet idibus Novembris, concepimus et disponimus declinare. Quocirca, vos . . . priorem et conventum ecclesiæ nostræ Dunolmensis prædictæ, ac omnes et singulos de conventu, peremptorie citamus, per præsentes, quod dicto die coram nobis, in capitulo nostro Dunolmensi, compareatis, et compareant, personaliter, visitationem nostram, reverentia qua convenit, suscepturi, facturique, et recepturi, quod canonicum et salubre fuerit, ac canonicis congruit institutis. Vos etiam universaliter singulos, et singulariter universos, in animarum vestrarum periculis, oneramus, ut, quæ ad reformationem morum et correctionem excessuum reputabitis opportuna, sollicitis animis interim indagantes, ea tunc nobis sinceris affectibus intimetis, fideliter tenentes, quod solum circa hoc nostra versatur intentio, laborat ingenium, et vigil cupimus studium adhibere, ne in collegio vestro, quod, tanquam agrum Dominicum superni roris benedictione perfusum, tenerrime diligimus, quodque, quasi luminare fulgidum, regulari consuevit disciplina præcæteris præfulgere, alicujus succrescentis herbæ vastabilis contagio famæ vestræ odorem reprimat, obnubilet decorem, vel quavis inquinamenti macula vos respergat; sed, ope ministerii nostri, sancta vestræ congregationis integritas, Deo propitio, præservetur a noxiis, et salutaria suscipiat incrementa. Quid autem in præmissis duxeritis faciendum, ac diem receptionis præsentium, citra festum Omnium Sanctorum, nobis rescribi præcipimus, per vestras patentes literas, quæ harum seriem repræsentent. Datum apud Rykhale, xvij. die mensis Octobris, consecrationis nostræ anno quarto. A.D. 1314.

A.D. 1314. Sequestration of the tithes arising in the parish of Gaynesford.

Sequestrum.

Ricardus, permissione divina, Dunolmen- An. Episc. 4.
sis episcopus, dilecto filio, decano de Derlyngton', salutem, gratiam et benedictionem. Quia fructus decimæ garbarum provenientium de parochia de Gaynesford', repositarum in domibus et solo ecclesiæ de Gaynesford, spectantibus ad vicariam eandem, certis de causis, duximus sequestrandos, vobis mandamus quatenus dictos fructus sub arcto sequestro custodiatis, et custodiri faciatis; ita quod nullus ad eos manus apponat, sub pœna excommunicationis majoris, exnunc latæ in personas contravenientes; donec a nobis aliud habueritis in mandatis, certificaturi nos de valore et æstimatione fructuum prædictorum, cum super hoc fueritis requisiti. Valete. Datum apud Stoketon', ultimo die Octobris, consecrationis nostræ anno quarto.

Report upon an inquisition ordered to be made relative to the presentation to a chantry in the church of Redmershill.

Inquisitio cantariæ de Redmershill'.

Venerabili in Christo patri, et domino suo reverendo, domino Ricardo, Dei gratia, Dunolmensi episcopo, suus votivus clericus, domini Dunolmensis archidiaconi . . officialis, filialem in Domino subjectionem, cum debitis obedientia, reverentia, pariter et honore. Mandatum vestrum nuper, ea reverentia qua decuit, humiliter recepi, eo, qui sequitur, sub tenore:—Ricardus etc. dilecto filio etc., salutem etc. Ad cantariam altaris beatæ Mariæ in ecclesia de Redmershill', vacantem, ut dicitur, et ad præsentationem Henrici de Langeton, domini de Wynyhard et de Redmershill, spectantem', ut dicit, idem Henricus dominum Robertum de Norton', capellanum, ut prætendit, nobis, per suas literas, præsentavit; unde vobis mandamus, quod, in pleno loci capitulo, per rectores, vicarios, et capellanos vicinos, inquiratis an dicta cantaria vacet, et a quo tempore vacavit et qualiter; quis sit ejus verus patronus; quis ultimo præsentavit ad eandem; quis sit in possessione præsentandi; quantum valeat; an sit pensionaria, et cui, et in quantum; an sit litigiosa, et inter quos; de conditionibus etiam præsentati,

n. Episc. 4. et aliis articulis debitis et consuetis. Quid autem per prædictam inquisitionem inveneritis, sub sigillo vestro, una cum sigillis eorum, per quos hujusmodi inquisitionem feceritis, nobis aperte et distincte, in forma consueta, constare faciatis. Valete. Datum apud Rychale, septimo decimo die Octobris, consecrationis nostræ anno quarto:—Hujus igitur auctoritate mandati, die Martis proximo post festum apostolorum Simonis et Judæ, anno Domini millesimo ccc°.xiiij°., in ecclesia parochiali de Derlington', in pleno capitulo tunc inibi celebrato, per rectores, vicarios, et capellanos vicinos, subscriptos, diligenter feci inquisitionem; videlicet, per dominos rectores ecclesiarum de Redmershill', Hintheworth, Dytensale, Staynton', Middelton' Sancti Georgii, et de Olleton', ac vicarios de Gayneford', Heghington, Bisshopton', et Grendon', necnon capellanos parochiales ecclesiarum de Bisshopton et de Longeneuton'; qui dicunt, quod dicta cantaria vacat, et vacavit ab ultimo die mensis Augusti ultimo jam elapsi, et hoc, per mortem domini Hugonis de Redmershill', capellani. Dicunt etiam, quod Henricus de Langeton', dominus de Redemershehill', est verus patronus ejusdem; et quod Alanus, pater ejus, ultimo præsentavit ad eandem; et quod idem Henricus est in possessione præsentandi. Dicunt itaque, quod dicta cantaria valet sex marcas annuatim, et quod non est pensionaria; dicunt tamen, quod litigiosa est, pro eo quod quidam dominus Johannes de Toucotes, capellanus, opposuit se in pleno capitulo, exhibens quandam [ ] collationis sibi factæ per dominum archidiaconum Dunolmensem, ad quem dicebat spectare collationem illius cantariæ, ista vice, et hoc per lapsum temporis, prætextu cujusdam ordinationis, super hoc factæ, quam credunt, ut dicunt, notorie veram esse: ita, videlicet, quod si verus patronus non præsentaret ad dictam cantariam infra xl. dies, quod extunc spectaret collatio domino archidiacono supradicto; asserens ipsum patronum infra tempus ante- A.D. 1314. f. 138.

A.D. 1314. dictum ad ipsam cantariam minime præsentasse. Dicunt insuper, quod præsentatus est capellanus idoneus et honestus, nec est alibi beneficiatus, nec obest præsentanti, seu præsentato, aliquid aliud, quod sciatur. In cujus rei testimonium, sigillum meum una cum sigillis contestificantium, præsentibus est appensum. Conservet vos, ad regimen ecclesiæ et populi sui, Deus, per tempora diuturna. Datum apud Derlington', die et anno Domini superius annotatis. An. Episc. 4.

Memorandum of a mandate for the delivering up of sequestrated effects.

Memorandum.— Quod iij°. die Novembris, anno Domini M°.ccc°.xiiij°. emanavit dominus quemdam literam J., sequestratori suo, ad deliberandum bona Thomæ de Edredakers, alias sequestrata, Willelmo de Edredakers, fratri suo.

Commission to receive bills of complaint from the people of Alverton and Alvertonshire in reference to the bailiffs or servants of the bishop of Durham.

Commissio ad recipiendum billam super querelis. Ricardus, permissione divina, Dunolmensis episcopus, dilectis et fidelibus suis de Alverton' et de Alvertonshire, salutem. Nolentes vobis, vel alicui vestrum, per ballivos seu ministros nostros damna inferri vel injurias irrogari, et, si damna vobis, vel alicui vestrum, illata fuerint, vel injuriæ irrogatæ, volentes vobis, cum de illis nobis innotuerit, debitum fieri justitiæ complementum, ad recipiendum, nobisque deferendum querelas et billas, quas, super illatis vobis, vel alicui vestrum, damnis per ballivos et ministros nostros, vel irrogatis injuriis, offerre, vel exhibere, volueritis, dilectum capellanum et commensalem nostrum, dominum Ricardum de Norton', apud Alverton', hac die Dominica, videlicet, tertio die Novembris, duximus destinandum; super quibus querelis et billis, habito tractatu cum nostro consilio de eisdem, debitam [et] celerem vobis justitiam in omnibus faciemus. Valete. Datum Stokton', secundo die Novembris, consecrationis nostræ anno quarto.

An. Episc. 4. Litera testimonialis super confessione procuratoris de Sancto Albano de ingressu et adeptione ecclesiæ de Conysclyf, sine auctoritate episcopi.

A.D. 1314. Letters testimonial upon the confession of the proctor of St. Albans as to intrusion into the church of Conysclyf, without episcopal authority.

[1] Universis sanctæ matris ecclesiæ filiis, has literas visuris vel audituris, Ricardus, permissione divina, Dunolmensis episcopus, salutem in omnium Salvatore. Vacante nuper ecclesia de Conysclyf', nostræ diœcesis, videlicet, xvj. die Augusti anno Domini M°.ccc°.xiiij°., per mortem domini Walteri de Clyfford', ultimi rectoris ejusdem, dudum, ad præsentationem nobilis viri, quondam domini Johannis de Craystok', dictæ ecclesiæ, ut dicebatur, patroni, per, bonæ memoriæ, dominum Antonium, episcopum Dunolmensem, prædecessorem nostrum, ad eam missi, et instituti in eadem, qui, a tempore admissionis et institutionis suæ hujusmodi, ipsam ecclesiam, dum vixit, videlicet, per viginti annos et amplius, pacifice possedit, cum omnibus juribus et pertinentiis suis, et tenuit inconcusse, tanquam rector institutus canonice in eadem, sicut in nostra diœcesi, et locis adjacentibus, publicatum est, et notum; ipsaque ecclesia sic vacante, et sub sequestro nostro, cum fructibus et proventibus ejusdem, sicut in aliis beneficiis quibuscunque in nostra diœcesi vacantibus, tam de jure quam de consuetudine antiqua et approbata, observatum est, hactenus existente, statim post ipsius vacationem, sequestro nostro prædicto minime relaxato, frater Johannes de Walsingham, monachus monasterii de Sancto Albano, asserens se procuratorem abbatis et conventus monasterii prædicti, nuper coram nobis personaliter constitutus, fatebatur, et recognovit, se, nomine dictorum abbatis et conventus, ingressum et adeptum fuisse, post mortem dicti rectoris possessionem ecclesiæ memoratæ, nobis tum de hiis omnibus insciis et ignaris, nec nostro consensu, vel auctoritate, ad possessionem hujusmodi impediendum vel adipiscendum, requisitis aliquatenus, vel obtentis. In cujus rei testimonium, sigillum nostrum præsentibus

[1] See on this subject, the *Gesta Abbatum, Mon. S. Albani*, in this series, vol. ii., pp. 115–117.

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duximus apponendum. Datum apud Stoketon', primo die Novembris, anno Domini M°.ccc°. quartodecimo, et consecrationis nostræ quarto. An. Episc. 4.

Acquittance of William de Quicham, official of Durham, for 10*l.*, which he had received of the goods of Thomas de Goldesburgh for queen's gold.

Acquietancia magistri Willelmi de Quicham.

Pateat univ̄sis per præsentes, quod nos, Ricardus, permissione divina, Dunolmensis episcopus, recepimus de magistro Willelmo de Quicham, officiali nostro Dunolmensi, decem libras de bonis domini Thomæ de Goldesburgh', quas idem dominus Thomas tenetur solvere dominæ Margaretæ, quondam reginæ Angliæ, de auro suo, de fine centum librarum. In cujus rei testimonium, etc. Datum apud Kypier, in crastino Sancti Martini, anno Domini etc. [M°.ccc°.] xiiij°., et consecrationis nostræ quarto.

Memorandum of a remission of 40*s.* to Henry de Lumley.

Memorandum.—

Quod xv. die Novembris, apud Dunolmum, remisit dominus Henrico de Lumley xl. *s.*, commissos pro quadam cautione non relevata; et super hoc scripsit sequestratori.

Memorandum of an indulgence of 40 days for the souls of Sir John de Swynburn and Avice his wife, whose bodies are buried in the church of Chollerton.

Memorandum.—

Quod xiiij°. die Novembris, anno Domini millesimo ccc°.xiiij°., apud Kypier, concessit dominus xl. dies indulgentiæ, pro animabus domini Johannis de Swynburn', militis, et Aviciæ consortis suæ, quorum corpora in ecclesia parochiali de Chollerton', suæ diœcesis, requiescunt humata; et pro animabus omnium fidelium etc.

Commission to levy 8*d.* in each mark on all ecclesiastical benefices in the archdeaconry of Northumberland.

Commissio ad [le]vandum octo denarios de marca.

Ricardus, permissione divina, Dunolmensis episcopus, dilecto filio, domino Willelmo de Burdon', perpetuo vicario Novi Castri, salutem, gratiam et benedictionem. Ad exigendum, recipiendum, colligendum, et levandum, de singulis marcis beneficiorum omnium ecclesiasticorum archidiaconatus Northumbriæ, secundum taxationem consuetam, singulos octo denarios, absque deletu personarum, a clero Dunolmensis diœcesis, in convocatione provinciali, a venerabili patre . . archiepiscopo Eboracensi, nuper facta, domino nostro regi, in subsidium guerræ suæ in Scotia, concessos, vobis vices nostras

An. Episc. 4. committimus, cum cujuslibet coercionis canonicæ potestate; mandantes vobis, et firmiter injungentes, quod dictum subsidium, in festis Sancti Andreæ et Pentecostes proximo futuris, modis omnibus levetis, per æquales portiones, et integraliter habeatis, prout domino nostro regi de eodem vestro volueritis periculo respondere. Datum Dunolmi, xvj°. die Novembris, anno Domini millesimo ccc°. quartodecimo, et consecrationis nostræ quarto. A.D. 1314.

[1] Commissio ad levandum sex denarios de qualibet libra.

Commission to levy 6*d.* in the pound on all ecclesiastical benefices in the archdeaconry of Durham.

Ricardus, permissione divina, etc., dilecto filio, domino W. de Craystok', rectori ecclesiæ Beatæ Mariæ in Ballio Boreali civitatis Dunolmensis, salutem, gratiam et benedictionem. Ad exigendum, recipiendum, colligendum, et levandum, de singulis libris beneficiorum omnium ecclesiasticorum archidiaconatus Dunolmensis, secundum taxationem consuetam, singulos sex denarios absque deletu personarum, a clero dicti archidiaconatus, in subsidium, seu defensionem ejusdem, contra Scotos nuper concessos, vobis vices nostras committimus cum cujuslibet coercionis canonicæ potestate; mandantes vobis et firmiter injungentes, quod dictos sex denarios celeriter levetis, prout de eisdem vestro volueritis periculo respondere. Datum Dunolmi, xvj°. die Novembris, anno Domini millesimo ccc°.xiiij°., et consecrationis nostræ quarto.

[D]ecretum super negotio cantariæ de Redmershill'.

Decree in the matter of the chantry of Redmershill.

Venerabili in Christo patri, et domino suo reverendo, domino Ricardo, Dei gratia, Dunolmensi episcopo, suus humilis et devotus, decanus ecclesiæ præbendalis de Langecestr', salutem, cum tam debitis quam devotis obedientia, reverentia, pariter et honore. Mandatum vestrum nuper recepimus, tenorem continens infrascriptum:— Ricardus, permissione divina, Dunolmensis episcopus, dilecto filio, magistro Willelmo de Quicham, decano

[1] In the margin of the instrument there is written "vacat."

A.D. 1314. ecclesiæ præbendalis de Langecestr', salutem, gratiam et benedictionem. Ad cognoscendum et procedendum, diffiniendum et exequendum, in causa, vel negotio, quæ vel quod, vertitur, seu verti speratur, inter dominum Robertum de Norton' capellanum, ad cantariam altaris beatæ Mariæ Virginis in ecclesia de Redmershill' per Henricum de Langeton' præsentatum, ex parte una, et dominum Johannem de Towcotes presbyterum, qui cantariam eandem per discretum virum, archidiaconum Dunelmensem, asserit sibi collatam, ex parte altera, vices nostras committimus, cum coercionis canonicæ potestate, donec eas ad nos duxerimus revocandas. Datum apud Kypier, xiij°. die Novembris, anno Domini millesimo ccc°.xiiij°., et consecrationis nostræ quarto.—Hujus igitur auctoritate mandati, comparentibus, in Galilæa Dunolmi, coram nobis, die Mercurii proximo post festum Sancti Martini, anno Domini supradicto, dominis, Roberto, præsentato, et Johanne, se opponente, prædictis, quæsitoque per nos a præfato domino Johanne, an aliquid canonicum haberet pro se proponendum, exhibendum, vel ostendendum, quod de jure inquisitionem, super dicto negotio factam, et pro dicto præsentato sufficienter in omnibus suis articulis, (eo solo excepto, quod idem dominus Johannes assererat alias jus conferendi eandem, illa vice, ad dominum archidiaconum Dunolmensem, per lapsum quadraginta dierum, spectare, et sibi per eundem dominum archidiaconum collatam fuisse,) laborantem, et per omnia deponentem, debeat impedire. Et quia præfatus dominus Johannes nihil canonicum aut effectuale proposuit, ostendit, aut exhibuit, in hac parte, præclusa sibi per nos via quicquam ulterius in dicto negotio procedendi, præfatum dominum Robertum, die crastino, ad hoc per nos, in partis adversæ præsentia, a die præcedente continuato, loco quo prius, ad prosecutionem negotii memorati, secundum ejus naturam et qualitatem, non obstante reclamatione dicti domini Johannis de Towcotes fore procedendum fore decrevimus admittendum, judici- An. Episc. 4.

An. Episc. 4. aliter et in scriptis. In cujus rei testimonium, sigillum nostrum præsentibus est appensum. Datum Dunolmi xviij°. kal. Decembris, anno Domini superius annotato. A.D. 1314.

Institutio in cantaria de Redmershill'. Ricardus, permissione divina, Dunolmensis episcopus, dilecto filio domino Roberto de Norton', capellano, salutem, gratiam et benedictionem. Ad cantariam altaris beatæ Mariæ in ecclesia parochiali de Redmershill', nostræ diœcesis, vacantem, et ad præsentationem dilecti filii, Henrici de Langeton, domini de Redmershill', spectantem, prout per inquisitionem super hoc, de mandato nostro, factam, plenius apparet, te admittimus, et capellanum perpetuum in eadem, cum suis juribus et pertinentiis universis, præsentialiter investimus. In cujus rei testimonium, præsentes literas tibi fieri fecimus, sigilli nostri munimine roboratas. Datum apud Kypyer, xvj°. die Novembris, anno Domini millesimo ccc°. quartodecimo, et consecrationis nostræ quarto. f. 139. Institution into the chantry of Redmershill.

Memorandum.—Inductio. Quod eisdem die et anno, mandatum fuit archidiacono Dunolmensi, vel ejus . . officiali quod prædictum dominum Robertum in eadem cantaria induceret, et inductum defenderet canonice, vice sua. Memorandum of the mandate for induction into the chantry above-mentioned.

Commissio ad corrigendum comperta in visitatione. Ricardus, permissione divina, Dunolmensis episcopus, dilectis filiis, domino Hugoni de Monte Alto, magistro hospitalis de Kypier, et magistris Johanni de Insula, juris civilis professori, ac Johanni de Snaynton', canonicis ecclesiæ collegiatæ de Derlington', salutem, gratiam et benedictionem. In vestræ circumspectæ discretionis industria plenam fiduciam obtinentes, ad procedendum, cognoscendum, corrigendum, reformandum, pronunciandum, statuendum, discutiendum, et diffiniendum, super articulis in nostra visitatione, in capitulo ecclesiæ Commission to advise upon and amend certain articles found in the bishop's visitation.

A.D. 1314. nostræ Dunolmensis, celebrata, compertis, quatenus singulares personas, necnon statum personarum et rerum, ejusdem capituli et ecclesiæ, contingunt, seu contingere poterunt quoquomodo, vobis vices nostras committimus, cum coercionis canonicæ potestate, donec eas duxerimus revocandas. Ita, videlicet, quod vos, assumptis et associatis vobiscum, domino priore dictæ ecclesiæ Dunolmensis, ac fratribus Henrico de Tesedale, Roberto de Boghes, Thoma de Wynestowe, Ricardo de Aslagby, Willelmo de Couton', et Johanne de Seton', ejusdem ecclesiæ monachis, ad cognitionem et correctionem, reformationem, et omnia præmissa faciendum et exercendum, cum eorum consilio, procedatis. Proviso quod, si aliqui dictorum monachorum, legitime impediti, una vobiscum in præmissis nequierint interesse, alii monachi eorum loco idonei, juxta discretionem vestram, assumantur, et etiam subrogentur. In cujus rei testimonium, sigillum nostram præsentibus est appensum. Datum apud Middelham, xviij°. die Novembris, anno Domini M°.ccc°. quartodecimo, et consecrationis nostræ quarto. An. Episc. 4.

Letter missive to the prior and convent of Durham enjoining them to receive correction at the hands of Hugh de Montalt, John de Lisle, and John de Snaynton, as to matters found by the bishop upon his recent visitation.

Missiva priori et conventui quod admittant correctiones. Item ex alia parte folii.

Ricardus, permissione divina, Dunolmensis episcopus, dilectis filiis, priori et conventui ecclesiæ nostræ Dunolmensis, salutem, gratiam et benedictionem. Visitationis officium nuper, in dicta nostra ecclesia Dunolmensi, vobis, juxta datam nobis ab Altissimo gratiam, actualiter impendentes, super compertis in eadem, ad ipsius monasterii honorem et commodum, personarum uberiorem quietudinem, ac animarum profectum salutiferum, correctionem, et reformationem debitam, fieri desiderabiliter affectantes, dilectis filiis, domino Hugoni de Monte Alto, et magistris Johanni de Insula ac Johanni de Snaynton', clericis, ad cognoscendum et corrigendum, et alia incumbentia faciendum, prout in commissione eisdem facta plenius continetur, commisimus vices nostras. Quocirca, vobis universis

An. Episc. 4. et singulis, tenore præsentium, injungimus et mandamus, quatenus ipsos, juxta formam commissionis nostræ, ad plene faciendum et exercendum omnia quæ incumbunt, ac opportuna fuerint, admittentes, eorum correctiones, reformationes salubres, et alia, quæ circa eas requiruntur, sub pœna excommunicationis majoris, quam in personas omnium et singulorum, qui, in hac parte,[1] contradictores, inobedientes, aut rebelles, fuerint, in hiis scriptis proferimus, benivole subeatis, et curetis, prout convenit, adimplere. Datum apud Middelham, xviij°. die Novembris, consecrationis nostræ anno quarto. A.D. 1314.

Commissio pro levando duodecim denarios de marca.

Ricardus, permissione divina, Dunelmensis episcopus, dilecto filio . . priori nostro Dunelmensi, salutem, gratiam et benedictionem. Ad exigendum, recipiendum, colligendum, et levandum, de singulis marcis omnium beneficiorum ecclesiasticorum archidiaconatus Dunelmensis, secundum taxationem consuetam, singulos duodecim denarios, absque deletu personarum, a clero dicœcesis Dunelmensis, in convocatione provinciali, a venerabili patre, archiepiscopo Eboracensi, nuper facta, domino nostro regi, in subsidium guerræ suæ in Scotia, concessos, vices nostras vobis committimus, cum cujuslibet coercionis canonicæ potestate; mandantes, et vobis firmiter injungentes, quod dictum subsidium, [in festis] Sancti Andreæ et Pentecostes proximo futuris, modis omnibus, levetis, et integraliter habeatis, prout domino nostro regi de eodem vestro volueritis periculo respondere. Datum Dunelmi, xvj°. die mensis Novembris, anno Domini millesimo trecentesimo quartodecimo, et consecrationis nostræ quarto. Commission to levy 12*d.* in each mark on all ecclesiastical benefices in the archdeaconry of Durham.

Memorandum.—

Memorandum, quod decimo die Novembris, anno Domini millesimo trecentesimo quartodecimo, concessit dominus xl. dies indulgentiæ Memorandum of 40 days indulgence to those contributing to the building

[1] *parte*] partes, MS.

A.D. 1314. and repairs of the bridge and causeway between Billingham and Norton.

omnibus qui ad fabricam, reparationem, et sustentationem, pontis et calceti inter Billingham et Norton', etc. An. Episc. 4

f. 139 b. Commission to levy 6*d.* in the pound on all ecclesiastical benefices in the deanery of Durham for their defence.

Commissio ad levandum sex denarios de qualibet libra.

Ricardus, permissione divina, Dunolmensis episcopus, discretis viris . . decano Dunelmensi, ac rectori ecclesiæ beatæ Mariæ in Ballio Boreali, salutem, gratiam et benedictionem. Ad compellendum et coercendum omnes et singulos beneficiatos decanatus Dunelmensis ad solutionem singulorum sex denariorum de singulis libris beneficiorum suorum ecclesiasticorum, secundum taxationem decimæ nunc currentis, infra octo dies, a tempore datæ præsentium numerandos, faciendam pro sua et ecclesiæ Dunelmensis defensione juxta ipsorum communem consensum et confessionem, coram officiali nostro, emissam, et condemnationem ipsius; subsecutam, per suspensionis et excommunicationis sententias, in personas eorum, ac interdicti in eorum beneficia ecclesiastica, promulgandas, necnon per sequestrationem, venditionem, et districtionem, bonorum suorum ecclesiasticorum; dictosque denarios recipiendum, et de receptis acquietanciam faciendum, necnon quoscunque in hac parte excommunicatos in forma juris absolvendum, ac sequestrationem, occasione præmissa factam, relaxandum; vobis, conjunctim et divisim, vices nostras committimus, per præsentes. Et quid feceritis in præmissis, nobis, cum fueritis requisiti, per vestras patentes literas, harum seriem continentes, constare faciatis. Datum apud Stoketon', xx°. die Novembris, anno Domini M°.CCC°. quartodecimo, et consecrationis nostræ quarto.

Sentence of excommunication against the defamers of the vicar of Billyngham.

Excommunicatio contra aliquem diffamantes.

Ricardus, permissione divina, Dunolmensis episcopus, dilectis filiis, . . de Northon' et Billyngham ecclesiarum capellanis parochialibus, salutem. Sua nobis dilectus filius, dominus Walterus, perpetuus vicarius ecclesiæ de Billyngham, gravi conquestione monstravit, quod quidam iniquitatis

An. Episc. 4. filii, suæ salutis immemores, quorum nomina prorsus ignorat, falso et malitiose asserentes ipsum crimen homicidii commisisse,[1] super hoc apud bonos et graves eum nequiter diffamarunt; propter quod, multa sustinuit improperia, damna, tædia, et labores; propter quod, supplicavit instantius de opportuno sibi per nos, in hac parte, remedio provideri. Cum itaque falso et malitiose crimina aliis imponentes majoris excommunicationis sententiam, a sanctis patribus provide latam, non sit dubium incurrisse, vobis mandamus, firmiter injungentes, quatenus in ecclesiis vestris, tribus diebus Dominicis, et festis, quando major populi aderit multitudo, pulsatis campanis, et candelis accensis, omnes illos, qui falso et malitiose dictum crimen præfato Waltero imposuerunt, in dictam excommunicationis sententiam denuncietis publice et solemniter incidisse, de nominibus eorundem, ea qua poteritis diligentia, inquirentes; de quibus cum vobis constiterit, citetis eos peremptorie quod compareant coram nobis, vel commissariis nostris, in Galilæa Dunolmi, proximo die juridico post mensem a die citationis per vos factæ, super sibi objiciendis responsuri, facturi ulterius, et recepturi, quod juris fuerit, et consonum rationi. De die citationis hujusmodi, et nominibus citatorum, infra octo dies post citationem factam, nobis dilucide constare faciatis, per literas vestras patentes, harum seriem continentes. Datum apud Stokton', xxj°. die mensis Novembris, anno Domini millesimo trecentesimo quartodecimo, et consecrationis nostræ quarto. A.D. 1314.

Missiva priori et conventui, quod pareant correctionibus quæ mittuntur.

Ricardus, permissione divina, Dunolmensis episcopus, dilectis filiis . . priori et conventui monasterii nostri Dunolmensis, salutem, gratiam et benedictionem. Curæ gregis Dominici, disponente Domino, præsidentes, Letter missive to the prior and convent of Durham commanding them to submit to correction as to those things

[1] Corrected in MS. from the original reading, which was "quendam "puerum interfecisse."

A.D. 1314. which are mentioned in the schedule forwarded to them therewith.

circa ipsius custodiam gregis, correctionem excessuum, et morum reformationem, tanto sollicitiori studio et diligentia, convenit et oportet, [ ] ut de cura sibi commissa dignam Domino, in examine districti judicii, reddere valeant rationem, quanto in acerbiorem pœnam labentur damnabilius, si delinquentium offensas deseruerint incorrectas. Sane visitationis nostræ officium, ex debito suscepti regiminis, in dicto monasterio exercentes, quædam inibi comperimus, tam in personis quam [in] rebus, quæ correctione salubri, et reformatione, non modicum indigebant, quæ sub conniventia, absque nostri et animæ periculo, non potuimus dimittere incorrectas. Propter quod, etsi non omnia, certis ex causis, ad præsens duxerimus corrigenda, aliquas tamen correctiones, super compertis in dicta visitatione nostra, vobis in scedula mittimus, hiis annexa, quæ per vos, et quemlibet vestrum, quatenus personas vestras, singulariter contingunt, volumus in posterum inviolabiliter observari; vobis, domino . . priori, ac omnibus et singulis de conventu, in virtute sanctæ obedientiæ, mandantes, et sub pœna excommunicationis majoris, arctius injungentes, quatenus præfatas correctiones et injunctiones, quatenus ad vos, et vestrum quemlibet, spectant et pertinent, subire curetis reverenter et easdem studeatis, devotione qua convenit, adimplere, scituri, sine cujusvis hæsitationis obice, quod si, in dictis correctionibus et injunctionibus subeundis et implendis, resistentes fueritis, aut irreverentibus animis renitentes, sub dissimulatione, sana conscientia, transire non poterimus, quin, ad easdem iterandas et renovandas, sententias privationis et amotionis ab officiis et administrationibus fulminando, et alias vias pœnales statuendo, prout expedire videbimus, manus extendamus denuo correctrices. In cujus rei testimonium, sigillum nostrum præsentibus est appensum. Datum apud Stokton', xxvj°. die Novembris, anno Domini ccc°.xiiij°. et consecrationis nostræ quarto.

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An. Episc. 4. Mandatum ad[e-]vocandum quosdam monachos apud Dunolmum.

A.D. 1314. Mandate to summon certain monks before the bishop, or his commissaries.

Ricardus, permissione divina, Dunolmensis episcopus, dilecto filio . . priori ecclesiæ nostræ Dunolmensis, salutem, gratiam et benedictionem. Visitationis officium nuper, in dicta ecclesia Dunolmensi, prout nostræ servitutis ministerio incumbebat, vobis et capitulo, in forma debita, actualiter impendentes, contra personas quorundam monachorum nunc in cella agentium, quædam comperimus digna reformatione, quæ præterire nolumus incorrecta, sicuti nec possumus, sine conscientiæ læsione. Vobis mandamus, firmiter injungentes, quatenus Ricardum de Tyndale, Robertum de Dycheburn', Henricum Wilde, Robertum de Birteley, et Johannem de Barneby, apud Dunolmum, citra Natale Domini proximo futurum evocare curetis, ut, inibi expectantes, parati sint, et compareant, cum præmuniti fuerint ad certum diem, coram nobis, vel commissariis nostris, uno vel pluribus super compertis contra eos, nostram correctionem humiliter subituri, ac alias facturi et recepturi, quod justum fuerit, et disciplinæ convenerit regulari. Proviso quod in cella, loco eorundem, ne divinus cultus subtrahatur in ipsas, alii interim subrogentur. Quid autem in præmissis feceritis, nos, citra dictum festum, per vestras literas patentes, quæ harum seriem contineant, reddatis dilucide certiores. Valete. Datum apud Stokton', xxvj°. die Novembris, anno Domini millesimo ccc°.xiiij°., et consecrationis nostræ quarto.

Commissio custodiæ manerii episcopi Dunolmensis in Londoniis.

Commission to Ralph de Blida to take charge of the bishop of Durham's house near London, and to victual it for the bishop during his stay for the parliament at Westminster.

Tenore præsentium noverint universi, quod nos, Ricardus, permissione divina, Dunolmensis episcopus, fecimus, ordinavimus et assignavimus, dilectum vallectum nostrum, Radulphum de Blida, civem Londoniensem, ad custodiendum mansum nostrum, prope Londoniam, domos in eodem reparandum et reficiendum, de victualibus et aliis necessariis quibuscunque, pro mora nostra in proximo parliamento domini nostri, regis Angliæ illus-

A.D. 1314. tris, apud Westmonasterium celebrando, providendum et disponendum, et ad omnia alia faciendum, quæ nobis utilia viderit, et etiam opportuna: propter quod, universitatem vestram requirimus et rogamus, quatenus dicto Radulpho, in præmissis, impedimentum, gravamen, vel molestiam, aliqua non inferatis, nec ab aliis, quantum in vobis est, permittatis inferri. In cujus rei testimonium, sigillum nostrum præsentibus duximus apponendum. Datum apud Stokton', xxiiij°. die Novembris, anno Domini millesimo trecentesimo quartodecimo, et consecrationis nostræ quarto. An. Episc. 4.

Respite of the purgation enjoined upon certain monks.

Reservatio purgationum quorundam monachorum.

Ricardus, etc., dilecto filio, priori ecclesiæ nostræ Dunolmensis, salutem, gratiam, et benedictionem. Purgationes nuper, per commissarios nostros, indictas fratribus Willelmo de Gretham et Thomæ de Hessewell', super quibusdam compertis contra eos, in visitatione nostra, hac instanti die Mercurii faciendas, nobis, certis de causis specialiter reservamus; quocirca, vobis mandamus quatenus, hoc eis notificantes, injungatis eisdem quod parati sint super hujusmodi se purgare, cum super hoc eos fecerimus præmuniri. Et quid feceritis in præmissis, nos certificetis, per vestras patentes literas, harum seriem continentes. Valete. Datum apud Stokton', xxvj°. die Novembris, consecrationis nostræ anno quarto.

Grant, in commendam, of the church of Ford for six months granted to Roger de Northburgh.

Commenda ecclesiæ de Ford' domino Rogero de Northburgh'.

Ricardus, etc., dilecto filio, domino Rogero de Northburgh', presbytero, rectori ecclesiæ de Bannes, Karliolensis diœcesis, salutem, gratiam et benedictionem. Ecclesiam de Ford', vacantem, ad quam per dominum Rogerum Heyron', verum patronum ejusdem, nobis præsentatus existis, tibi, utilitate ipsius ecclesiæ exigente, cum omnibus juribus et pertinentiis suis, tenore præsentium, commendamus titulo commendæ, per semestre temporis spatium, a data præsentium connumerandum, una cum

An. Episc. 4. dicta ecclesia de Bannes, canonice possidendam; proviso quod dicta ecclesia de Ford' interim divinis officiis, et aliis quæ incumbunt, laudabiliter serviatur. In cujus rei testimonium, sigillum nostrum præsentibus est appensum. Datum apud Stokton', xxvj°. die Novembris, anno Domini etc. [M°.ccc°.]xiiij°., et consecrationis nostræ quarto. A.D. 1314.

Missiva sequestratori super eodem. Letter to the bishop's sequestrator relative to the said church of Ford.

Ricardus, etc., dilecto filio, Johanni de Pollowe, sequestratori nostro, salutem, etc. Quia omnes fructus et proventus ecclesiæ de Ford', nuper vacantis, a tempore vacationis ejusdem usque ad diem Sancti Andreæ apostoli proximo futurum, perceptos et percipiendos, ad nos, ratione sequestri, spectantes, dilecto filio, domino Rogero de Northburgh', possessioni dictæ ecclesiæ canonice incumbenti, de gratia nostra speciali, duximus concedendos, vobis mandamus quatenus præfatum dominum Rogerum, vel magistrum Willelmum de Langeleye, procuratorem suum, dictis fructibus gaudere libere permittatis; et si quid de eisdem perceperitis, nomine sequestri nostri, id dicto domino Rogero, vel dicto procuratori suo, integraliter liberetis, seu liberari, absque moræ dispendio, faciatis. Datum, ut supra.

Obligatio facta Johanni Vanni. f. 140 b. Bond by the bishop to John Vanni, merchant, of the society of the Bellardi of Lucca.

Pateat universis, quod nos Ricardus, permissione divina, Dunolmensis episcopus, tenemur Johanni Vanni, mercatori, de societate Bellardorum de Luca, in quadraginta libris sterlingorum ex causa mutui, solvendis eidem London' vel certo attornato suo apud Eboracum, prout eligere voluerit, infra mensem quo super hoc, ex parte sua, fuerimus requisiti, ad quod fideliter faciendum, obligamus nos, et omnia bona nostra, ecclesiastica et mundana. In cujus rei testimonium, sigillum nostrum præsentibus duximus apponendum. Datum apud Crayk', v°. die Decembris,

A.D. 1314. anno Domini M°.ccc°.xiiij°., et consecrationis nostræ quarto. An. Episc. 4.

Memorandum as to a mandate for the delivery of 40*l.* to Roger de Saxton, to make provision at London for the bishop of Durham.

Memorandum.— Quód eodem die mandatum fuit domino Hugoni, receptori de Hoveden', quod liberaret domino Rogero de Saxton' xl. *li.*, pro providentia facienda apud Londoniam.

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Letter from the archbishop of York and his suffragans to the king, signifying the refusal of an aid of 12*d.* in each mark by the clergy of the province of York, and excusing themselves thereon.

To their most excellent prince, and dear lord, if it please him, sire Edward, by the Grace of God, King of England, lord of Ireland and Duke of Aquitain, William by the same grace, archbishop of York, primate of England, Richard, bishop of Durham, John, bishop of Carlisle, and Thomas, bishop of Galloway, greeting with all reverence and honour. Sire, at the provincial council of the province of York, which was commenced at York on the Monday next after the feast of the Ascension, there was proposed, on your behalf, the request made to the proctors of the clergy of the said province that they should grant you an aid of 12*d.* in each mark, or other [sum] convenient to you, by which you might be well aided in the performance of the affairs which you have to carry on in the parts of Scotland, the which performance would be to the honour of God and of yourself, to the safety of your realm of England, and to the quiet of your people. And, sire, the proctors of the clergy aforesaid treated together for three days upon this matter, and finally made us an answer in writing by common assent, excusing themselves by many reasons because they could not grant any aid at this time; the which answer we have sent to Sir William de Melton', if perchance it please you to hear the reasons contained in the answer aforesaid. And, sire, for God's sake do not think ill of us on account

of this matter, for we have used all the pains and diligence that we could and knew, that your request might be duly granted. Sire, God give you a prosperous and long life, and increase your honour. Written at York, the Monday in the week of Pentecost.

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Richard Marmeduk' appointed to be on the council of the bishop of Durham.

This indenture, made at Stockton, the 7th day of October, the second year of the consecration of bishop Richard, between the said bishop on the one part, and Sir Richard Marmaduk on the other part, witnesseth that the said Sir Richard is appointed one of the council of the said bishop for one year next following after the completion of this indenture; and has granted that he will well and loyally counsel and aid the said bishop in all things touching himself and his church of Durham, and he will well and loyally aid in maintaining, keeping, and governing the peace in the liberty of Durham, between the waters of Tyne and Tees; and he will aid, according to the law of the land, in restraining and punishing evil doers within the said liberty at all times when he is requested or ordered so to do. And for doing all the foresaid things well and loyally, the said bishop will give to the said Sir Richard 20 marks of silver, to be received in the exchequer of the said bishop at Durham; to wit, 10 marks at the feast of St. Cuthbert in March, and 10 marks at the feast of St. Michael next ensuing.

Page 10.

Robert de Nevyle appointed to be on the council of the bishop of Durham.

This indenture, made at Stockton, the 7th day of October, the second year of the consecration of bishop Richard, between the said bishop on the one part, and Sir Robert de Nevyle on the other part, witnesseth that the said Sir Robert is appointed to be on the council of the said bishop for one year next ensuing

after the making of this indenture; and has granted that he will well and loyally counsel and aid the said bishop in all things, touching himself and his church of Durham, and will well and loyally aid in maintaining, keeping, and governing the peace within the liberty of Durham, between the waters of Tyne and Tees; and he will aid, according to the law of the land, in restraining and punishing evil doers within the said liberty, at all times when he is requested or commanded so to do. And for well and loyally doing all the things aforesaid, the said bishop will give to the said Sir Robert 10 pounds of silver, to be received at the exchequer of the said bishop at Durham; to wit, 100 shillings at the feast of St. Cuthbert in March, and 100 shillings at the feast of St. Michael next ensuing.

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Petition to the king by the bishop of Durham concerning his right to the manor of Hetton, within the franchise of Norham, as a forfeiture of war.

Whereas the escheator of the Trent has commanded his sub-escheator in the county of Northumberland to seize all the lands and wards that the king had granted in the said county since the date of the commission made to the ordenours, etc., and . . . among others commanded him to seize the manor of Hetton, which is within the franchise of Norham, where the king's writ runneth not; the which manor Anthony, late bishop of Durham, seized into his possession as a forfeiture of war after the death of Sir Robert Grey, who held it by the law of England as of the heritage of John Grey, who died in Scotland, being out of fealty to the king, and of which manor the said Anthony died seized, etc., and our lord the king, during its voidance, gave the same manor to one Walter de Wodeham, who is dead, after whose death the said manor was seized into the hand of the bishop that now is; of which it seems the bishop has the right, and that the king ought to have restored the lands of the bishopric fully as they were when seized into his

hands after the death of the said Anthony; and that forfeitures of war belong to the bishop within his royal franchise appears by the evidence herein enclosed; and be it as it may it does not belong to the escheator nor other officer of the king to perform any office within the said franchise, but only to the bishop, who is the king's minister without mesne, and to his officers; and by them the king ought to be served in the same franchise and by no others. And if it is also wished that he should cause to be dismissed the petition as to Barnard castle and of Hert, let it be done, which places were escheated by the forfeitures of John Baillol and Robert de Brus. On the other hand, the present king restored the franchise of the bishopric entirely to the present bishop, without retaining anything, as appears by a commission which is entered on the roll of the chancery. Thither came the earl of Warwick, and sued a writ of trespass against Gilbert de Scharesbek and several others in the King's Bench for a trespass committed in the bishopric to the prejudice of the said franchise. And that there be also ordained a remedy by counsel for this. Another day, after Michaelmas, the sheriff of Northumberland came and desired to enter and serve a writ of grand distress, but people spoke so much against it that he desisted at that time.

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Form of homage. I become your man, for life and for limb, and for worldly honour, and will be faithful to you against all men who may live and die, saving the fealty to our lord the king, and his heirs, kings of England.

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Composition between the bishop of Durham and the This indenture witnesseth that Sir Robert de Wilughby, knight, and Thomas de Goldeburgh, archdeacon of Durham, executors of the testament of Anthony,

late bishop of Durham, have granted that, if it happen that they can duly administer the goods of the said Anthony, without hindrance of the pope or the king (to have which administration the said executors shall sue without deceit, and will loyally oppose matters alleged against them, to the hindrance of the said administration so far as in them lies), the goods and chattels of the said Anthony remaining within the lordship of Richard, bishop of Durham, shall be appraised by good men chosen on behalf of the said bishop Richard and the said executors, and they will put in the hand of the said bishop Richard 2,000 marks in silver money of the same goods, in such manner that if the said executors, before the feast of Christmas next coming, give to the said bishop Richard sure possession of the aforesaid 2,000 marks, and give him a release and quit claim in writing for ever, then the said bishop Richard shall give to the aforesaid executors a release and quit-claim of all manner of action which unto him pertains, for all manner of defaults and repairs of castles, manors, houses, waste, sale and destruction of woods and of exhille, and of ornaments of chapels and of manors, and of all manner of plate, and of all other defaults which may be demanded of the said executors in the name of mortuaries for the aforesaid things: and if it happen that the said executors, through hindrance of a sequestration by the pope, or by the king, are not able to secure to him in full the aforesaid 2,000 marks in chattels and goods, as is aforesaid, that then the action of the said bishop Richard, for defaults and repairs of castles, manors, and other things aforesaid, shall be reserved to him in full: the which action shall in the meantime remain in suspense; and then the said bishop Richard binds himself, his church, and his successors, and admits that he is bound unto the said executors in 2,000 marks of silver, to be paid before the twelfth day after Christmas aforesaid; and if he withhold the aforesaid 2,000 marks beyond

executors of Anthony the late bishop.

the twelfth day aforesaid, he will be bound to make good to the said executors any damage and loss, if any be incurred through the detention of the aforesaid money. In witness whereof the parties have placed their seals interchangeably to this writing indented. Given at Houghton, the 29th day of July, in the fifth year of the reign of king Edward, son of king Edward.

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Mandate to Patrick de Kellawe, the bishop's brother, to deliver up to William Rydell, for his residence, the lower hall and chambers in the castle of Norham.

Richard, by the permission of God, bishop of Durham, to Patrick de Kellawe, greeting and his blessing. Whereas we have granted to our faithful and well-beloved bachelor, Sir William Rydell, for himself and his wife and his free household, the lower hall with the chambers and kitchen pertaining thereto; to have and to reside therein during our pleasure, until better peace is secured in the march; and that the goods which he has taken into the castle may be and remain there as long as he may in duty do. We command you duly to allow him to have the said hall, chambers and kitchen, and the goods which he has taken into the castle, there to reside, as is aforesaid, and duly to give him what other easements you can give him, when there shall be need, for the greater safety of his goods. In witness whereof we have caused these our letters patent to be made unto the said Sir William, to show to you, as concerning the things which we have granted to him there, as he shall wish you to have the same. Farewell. Given at Stockton, the 4th day of April, the fourth year of our seignory.

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Letter to the receiver of Norham, announcing that Messire William Rydell and

Richard, etc. to Robert de Sokepeth, etc. We command you to repay the expenses which Sir William Rydell has laid out on our castle of Norham, while he was constable, by the view of Patrick de Kellawe,

our brother, and other good men of the country; and to pay the fee which he ought to have for his residence there, in all the haste you can, and to supply what is necessary for the residence of the said Patrick and of the others who stay with him to guard the castle, and all this shall be duly allowed you in your account. Given, &c. 4th day of April.

Patrick de Kellawe, the bishop's brother, are about to stay in the castle of Norham, &c.

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To the noble and wise man, and of great honour, Messire Guy, earl of Warwick, Richard, by permission of God, bishop of Durham, greeting, as well all the good prayers he can offer, with all honour and reverence. Dear sir, forasmuch as the prior of Durham and the good people of our bishopric, by common assent, when we were in London, made a contribution towards a certain sum of money for Sir Robert de Brus and his people, who intended to have burnt and destroyed the whole country around, without sparing anything, by which contribution your country of Bernard Castle was saved; and your people of the said country do not wish to help or give anything towards the payment of the said contribution (though they all were preserved by means thereof from all damage); we do earnestly beg and request you to write to your constable of Bernard Castle and to the good people of the wapentake of Sadberge, and command them to give aid in the payment of the said contribution for the said country, as we and all the others of the said country are doing and have done. And if you wish anything that we can do, in good faith we desire you to command us. Our Lord of his mercy save and keep you in good and long life. Given at Middleham, the 11th day of November, the second year of our episcopate.

Request to Guy, earl of Warwick, that he will contribute in return for the immunity enjoyed by Bernard Castle, to the collection made for buying off Robert de Brus.

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Memorandum of a truce between Robert, king of Scotland, and the commonalty of the bishopric of Durham between the Tyne and the Tees.

Be it remembered that on the 16th day of the month of August, in the year of grace 1312, it was accorded and agreed, and confirmed in good faith, between the noble prince Sir Robert, by the grace of God king of Scotland, on the one part, and the people of the commonalty of the bishopric of Durham between Tyne and Tees, by Sir Richard Marmeduke, William de Denum, Gilbert Gategange and John de Alainsheles, envoys appointed by the same commonalty for treating of and agreeing to a cessation of war. To wit, that the said king, for himself and all his people and adherents, has granted to the said people a cessation of war and a truce to last from the said 16th day of August until the feast of the Nativity of St. John the Baptist next ensuing, for a certain sum of money of which 450 marks are to be hereafter paid at the Feast of St. Michael next to come without delay. And if it happen that the said money be not paid at the abbey of Holmecoltram, or elsewhere, to the said king or to his attorney bearing his letter of acquittance, at the aforesaid feast or before it, that from that time thenceforward the said cessation and truce shall be broken, discharged and held as null and wholly abrogated. And if evil-doers of Scotland enter the said bishopric to do harm, it is fully lawful for the said people to arrest them by force. And that the people of the said commonalty shall not levy war against the said king of Scotland, nor against his men within his power, with any man except with the king of England, or some one who shall have the royal power, and if they do so, with the said king or with any other, the truce shall be void on their side and held as null. In witness whereof to the part of this indenture remaining with the said king, the said Richard, William, Gilbert and John have set their seals; and to the other part of this indenture, remaining with the

people of the said commonalty, the said king has set his privy seal. Given at Hextildeham (Hexham) the day and year aforesaid.

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Names of the bishop of Durham's tenants in the county of Lincoln.

Sir, know that Robert de Wyllugby holds the manor of Eresby, with the hamlets and the other vills belonging thereto by serjeanty; that is to say, by seneschalchy. And Hugh Pincenn, ancestor of the said Robert, held formerly seven knights' fees in the county of Lincoln, of which the abbot of Kirkestede held two fees of Robert de Willugby in Kirkeby Thorp' and Tatersale. And the same abbot held a fee in Wadingworth of the same Robert, of the gift of Sir John de Pek, all three in almoign, by the predecessors of the bishop of Durham, and confirmed by the chapter. And the same Robert holds the remainder of the fees in Kirkeby Thorp', Tatersale, Foletby, Gedington, and Friskenay. Richard de la Haye held formerly two knights' fees, in Brocelby and Askeby, the which the earl of Lancaster holds now of the heritage of his wife. Hugh Wak' held formerly two knights' fees in Kelleby and Rouceby and elsewhere, which Thomas Wak' now holds, who is in the ward of our lord the king. Philip de Keyme holds three knights' fees in Herdewyk', Bolington', Bromthorp', Alesby, and elsewhere. Sir Robert Cosyn held formerly the fourth part of a knight's fee in Breteby, and the same Robert held the third part of a knight's fee in Pykeworth'; which fees Sir Lambert de Trikinham now holds; and the same Robert Cosyn held half a knight's fee in Gunwardby, which fee Sir Walter de Trikinham now holds, and other tenants of the vill now hold. Sir John de Ive held formerly a knight's fee in Snartford, which fee Sir Adam de Swylyngton' formerly held through his wife, and now Sir William de Dysen holds it. Henry de Horingesherd held formerly the

third part of a knight's fee in Kirkeby and Eveden; which fee the prior of Spalding and Sir Walter de Osevyl' now hold. The abbot of St. Carlef held formerly the priory of Covenham, with its members, for singing two masses each year; and now it is in the hands of [the abbot of] Kirkestede, in almoign. Piers de Holme, of Lincoln, held formerly tenements in the bailiwick of Lincoln, by homage and fealty, rendering yearly an alms-gift. These are the names of the tenants who owe suit from six weeks to six weeks in the court of the bishop of Durham in Lincoln. Sir John, the son of Baldwin Wak, made suit by attorney by the king's writ; and Thomas his son [is] in the king's ward, and wherefore suit is not made. Sir Robert made suit, and now the tenements are in the hand of Sir Lambert de Trikingham and Sir Walter his brother, and distress is avoided. Sir John de Ive made suit, and now Sir Adam de Swylington makes suit by attorney by the king's writ. And we demand suit of Sir Philip de Kyme, and he has gainsaid it, and says that he has made his homage, and afterwards, in the time of bishop Louis, the said Philip made suit by attorney by the king's writ.

Page 274.

Mandate to the receiver of Norham to pay 100*s.* to William Rydel, constable there.

Richard, by the permission of God, bishop of Durham, to Robert de Sokepeth', our receiver of Norham, greeting, with his benediction. Forasmuch as we are bound in divers sums of money to our well-beloved bachelor, Sir William Rydel, which we wish him to be duly paid, we command you to cause him to be paid 100*s.* for the term of St. Cuthbert last past, and henceforth from one term to another, according to what has been agreed between us. And cause him to be answered and supplied with the other things which ought to belong to him for the time that he is our constable, as far as he ought to be answered and supplied, according to reason and the

customs used in your parts. Adieu. Given at Stockton, the 17th day of September, the second year of our consecration.

Page 275.

Mandate to deliver to Robert Parnyng the two mares chosen by Gilbert de Scaresbek for the use of the bishop of Chichester, with their foals.

Richard, by the permission of God, etc., to Alexander de Morley, greeting. Forasmuch as we sent our dear Gilbert de Scaresbek' to choose two mares, whichever he would, of all ours, for the use of our dear brother in God, the bishop of Chichester, and he has chosen two, the one of which has no foal of this year, and we wish that they should have their foals of this or of another; we command you to cause to be delivered to Robert Parnyng, bearer of this, the two mares just as they are chosen by the said Gilbert; to wit, one of them with her offspring of the last year. And do not omit this on any account. Written at Aukland, Friday in Michaelmas, the second year of our consecration.

Page 276.

Mandate that Alayn de Langeton is not to be put on juries and assizes on account of his age.

Richard, by the permission of God bishop of Durham, to his faithful and loyal William de Denum, greeting with his benediction. Forasmuch as we have heard that Alayn de Langeton is of such age that he ought not in reason to be put or summoned on juries, or assizes, or on county meetings, we desire that he shall be exempted therefrom. Wherefore we order you to let him have our letters patent hereupon. Given at Stoketon, the 4th day of October, the second year of our consecration.

Page 278.

Letter to the king from the bishop of Durham, praying him to give cre-

To the most high and noble prince, and his most honourable lord, Sire Edward, by the grace of God king of England, lord of Ireland, and duke of Aquitain, his devoted chaplain, Richard, by the permission

dence to John de Snaynton, sent to his majesty on matters touching the bishopric of Durham.

of God, bishop of Durham, as much as he may of good prayers, service, reverence, and honour. Most dear sire, we send to your highness our dear clerk, master John, the bearer of these letters, concerning matters which touch the estate of our church of Durham [and] us, devoutly praying your highness that you will benignly give faith and credence to the said John in the matter which he will explain to you more fully on our behalf, and to command us confidently, according to your will, in anything that we can do. Our Lord keep you for the governance of your people, and give you a happy and long life. Written at Rykhale, the 18th day of January.

Page 295.

A tournament forbidden to be holden at Derlington.

Richard, by the permission of God bishop of Durham, to John Waryn, his coroner of Sadbergh, greeting. Whereas we have heard for certain that our lord the king of England has forbidden tournaments, combats, jousts, and other feats of arms within his realm of England, in all counties, until he be pleased to allow knights and others of his land to go to such feats with his licence, and we have heard that a proclamation has been made that knights will hold a tournament this Monday or Tuesday next before Ash Wednesday, at Darlington; we command you that in your own person, on testimony of six loyal and free men of your bailiwick, you be at Darlington this Sunday, and cause a proclamation to be made on our behalf forbidding all persons to hold tournaments, combats, jousts, or other feats of arms, at Darlington or elsewhere within the liberty of Saint Cuthbert, which we have to keep between the waters of Tyne and Tees, on pain of forfeiting all that they can forfeit to our lord the king and to ourselves. And also let this be proclaimed and announced, on Monday next coming, at

the cross in full market at Darlington; and also on the Tuesday following let it be announced and forbidden to knights and men-at-arms who shall be at Darlington, on the part of our lord the king and of us, that no one shall joust or do any feat of arms without special licence from our lord the king. And in witness of all the things above written, we send you our letters patent as a warrant. And we order you to have them done and observed in every point, so far as you can. Given at Middleham, the 23rd day of February, the second year of our consecration.

Page 300.

Letters of safe conduct for Henry Baker, guardian of the provisions which are being conveyed to London in a ship for the use of the bishop during his stay at the parliament holden at London.

To all those who these letters shall see or hear, Richard, by the permission of God bishop of Durham, greeting and his benediction. Whereas we have ordained and appointed Henry Baker warden and keeper of the victuals which we are sending by ship to London against our going to the parliament there; we charge and require you to do no ill or harm to the said Henry, or to the sailors of the said ship; but freely suffer them to go, tarry and return, and if any injury be done to them, cause it to be properly redressed. In witness whereof we have caused these our letters, sealed with our seal, to be delivered to the said Henry and the sailors of the said ship. Given at Middleham, the 20th day of February, A.D. 1312, and the second year of our consecration.

Page 347.

Notification that Thomas de Colvill is assigned to receive the fealty of Margaret, widow of Sir Robert Haunsard.

Richard, by the permission of God bishop of Durham, to lady Margaret, who was the wife of Sir Robert Haunsard, greeting. Know that we have given power to our faithful and loyal Sir Thomas de Colville' to receive your fealty for your dower, and security that you will not marry without our licence and our

will; wherefore we command you to do your fealty and give the surety to us which is required according to the law, in the presence of the said Sir Thomas. And certify us by your letter where, and what day, and before whom, you have done your fealty and given the aforesaid surety. And, when we are certified thereof by your letter patent, we will cause your dower to be assigned to you, according to the law of the land. In witness whereof, we have caused these our letters patent to be made. Given at Auckland, the 23rd day of May, the second year of our consecration.

Page 347.

Notification that Margaret, widow of Robert Haunsard, has done fealty to the bishop at York, in the presence of Sir Thomas de Coleville.

To all who shall see or hear this letter, Margaret, who was the wife of Sir Robert Haunsard, greeting in God. Know that I have done my fealty to Sir Richard, by the grace of God bishop of Durham, in the city of York, in the presence of Sir Thomas de Colevill', who was empowered by the said bishop to receive my fealty, and surety that I will not marry without the licence and will of my said lord bishop; and that I will loyally perform to him the services which belong to the tenements that shall be assigned to me to hold in dower, within the franchise of Durham, until the heir of the said Sir Robert Haunsard be of full age. And this fealty I, Margaret, did in the presence of Master Robert de Pykering', dean of the mother church of York, Sir Stephen de Mauley, archdeacon of Cleveland, Sir John de Merkingfeld, Master Piers de Dene, Master Robert de Rypplingham, Nicholas Fleming, then mayor of York. In witness whereof, I have to these letters patent put my seal, to certify my lord, the said bishop, that I have done my fealty in the form aforesaid. Given at York, the Sunday next before Pentecost, A.D. 1313.

Page 386.

Letter to the king from the bishop of Durham, praying to be excused from attending the parliament to which he had been summoned, on account of the expected invasion of Robert de Brus.

To the most excellent prince Sire Edward, by the grace of God king of England, lord of Ireland, and duke of Aquitain, his devoted chaplain, Richard, by the permission of God, bishop of Durham, greeting and all the good that can be offered by prayers, with all service, reverence, and honour. Most dear lord, whereas Sir Robert de Brus, the enemy of yourself and of all your land, has of late caused his host to be assembled to enter into your realm of England, as we have heard, and to destroy all your country, as he lately did during the past year, when we were in London, at your parliament; and all the people of our country have told us that if we now remove out of the country, they will not dare to remain after we have departed; we therefore earnestly pray your mighty lordship, to be willing to hold us excused of your great grace, if so it please you, for that we cannot come personally to your parliament at this quinzaine of St. John the Baptist, because we are much required in our country, that you will of your especial grace and licence allow us to remain here to embolden and encourage our people to defend their country and resist your enemies at their coming, and we will do and arrange all that we know or are able for defence and resistance: and God is our witness, that if it were not for the great fear that we have of the destruction of our country in our absence, we would come readily. Wherefore, dear lord, receive, if it please you, the procurators whom we send in our stead to your said parliament: we will hold as firm and established whatever may be ordained there by common assent to your honour and the profit of your land. The high King of Heaven give you a happy and long life, and preserve and keep you in body and soul, to the good governance of your people. Given at Middleham, the 1st day of July.

Page 544.

Letters missive to Walter de Gosewyk, formerly warden of the castle and county of Norham, to deliver up the same to Sir Robert de Colevile.

Richard, by the permission of God, bishop of Durham, to his faithful and well beloved Walter de Gosewyk, greeting with his blessing. Forasmuch as many dangers have happened, as we have heard, to divers castles in the marches of Scotland, and we are not the less moved by other reasons; wherefore we have delivered the custody of our castle of Norham, and of the county of the same place, to our beloved in God, Sir Robert de Colevil', in whose discretion and loyalty we have great trust, to hold and keep during our pleasure. We command, and firmly enjoin you, to deliver the said castle and county, with the appurtenances, to the said Sir Robert, on the testimony of this letter, when you are required; together with all the goods and chattels to us belonging in the said castle, or elsewhere in the county; and cause also an indenture to be made between us of all things delivered to him, in our name, he therein acknowledging himself obliged to give up and make entire restitution of the same things, at our pleasure. In witness whereof, we have caused these our letters patent to be made under our privy seal, the 6th day of May, at our manor of Middelham, the third year of our consecration.

Page 547.

Grant of the castle of Norham to the king for three years.

Know all men that we, Richard, by the permission of God, bishop of Durham, have lent to our lord the king, sire Edward, by the grace of God king of England, lord of Ireland, and duke of Aquitain, our castle of Norham, for the defence of himself, his people, and his aforesaid land; to hold for the term of three years next to come after the date of this writing; so that after the term of the three years aforesaid, the said castle shall return to us and to our successors, and to our church of Durham, for ever. In witness whereof we

have set our seal to these letters. Written at Durham, the 25th day of May, the seventh year of the reign of our said lord the king Edward.

Page 585.

Commission from the king to deliver up the castle of Norham to the bishop of Durham.

Edward, by the grace of God king of England, lord of Ireland, and duke of Aquitain, to our dear and faithful Sir William Rydel, constable of the castle of Norham, greeting. Whereas we have restored to the honourable father in God [Richard], bishop of Durham, his castle of Norham; to be held by him and his successors, as freely as he or his predecessors have held it before this time, notwithstanding the grant thereof which he made to us at our request, for the term of three years. We command you, on the sight of these letters, to cause the said castle to be delivered, without delay, to the said bishop or to his attorney, bearing the letters patent of the said bishop, with full and sufficient power to receive it to his use, and in his name, together with the stores of the said bishop, which were delivered to us by indenture. Given under our privy seal, at York, the 2nd day of August, in the eighth year of our reign.

Page 586.

The king's letters patent restoring the castle of Norham to the bishop of Durham.

Edward, by the grace of God king of England, lord of Ireland, and duke of Aquitain, to all who shall see these letters, greeting. Forasmuch as the honourable father in God [Richard], bishop of Durham, at our request, did grant to us his castle of Norham, for the term of three years, for the safe and sure keeping of our marches of Scotland; be it known to you all that we have restored the said castle to the said bishop; to be held by him and his successors as freely as he or his predecessors have held it before this time, notwithstanding the grant which he made to us for the term of three years, as is

beforesaid. In witness whereof, we have caused these our letters patent to be made. Given under our privy seal, at York, the 2nd day of August, in the eighth year of our reign.

Page 586.

Commission by the bishop of Durham to receive the castle of Norham from William Rydel, constable of the said castle.

Richard, by the grace of God bishop of Durham, to all those who shall hear or see these letters, greeting. Forasmuch as our lord the king has restored to us our castle of Norham, which we lately granted to him to hold for the term of three years, as is more fully contained in his letters patent made to us of the said restoration; to be held by us and our successors, as freely as we or our predecessors held it in time past; and also by his letters has commanded Sir William Rydel, constable of the said castle, to restore the said castle to us or to our attorney, and to deliver all the arms and other stores which belonged to us, and were delivered to our lord the king, when the said castle was delivered to him; and also to deliver to us or to our attorney (by indenture to be sealed with the seals of the aforesaid constable and attorney), the armour and other stores which belong to our said lord the king in the said castle. Know ye that we have appointed and put in our place, our beloved in God, William de Denum, Sir Gefray de Edenham, clerks, and Robert de Sokepeth, and have given to each of them full and sufficient power to receive, in our name, the said castle and all the aforesaid armour and stores, by indenture, to do as is above said, and according to the form of the letters of our lord the king, sent to the said Sir William on this matter. In witness whereof, we have caused these our letters patent to be made and sealed with our seal, to the said William, Gefray, and Robert. Given at Rykhale, the 16th day of August, in the fourth year of our consecration.

Page 588.

Order for the delivery of the custody of the castle of Norham to Sir William Rydel.

Richard, by the permission of God, bishop of Durham, to his faithful and well beloved William de Denum, Sir Geoffrey de Edenham, and Robert de Sokpath', and to every of them, greeting, etc. Forasmuch as we, for certain causes which move us thereto, have delivered the custody of our castle and the county of Norham to Sir William Rydel; to hold and perform according to our will; and have ordained that the same person shall hold pleas, let lands to farm, and perform all other things, which the constable and wardens of the said castle and county have been accustomed to do and employ themselves in, in times past, according to the usages of these parts; we therefore strictly order you to make an indenture, between yourselves or any of you, and the said Sir William, of the armour and other stores which are therein; of which indenture we desire to be fully certified by you; and to deliver our said castle of Norham to the said Sir William, in the form aforesaid: taking of him proper and sufficient surety by his letters, or otherwise, according to what you see is best to be done; that the said castle shall be well and safely kept for our use, and also, that he will restore the castle with all the things, which he takes from you by the said indenture, at our pleasure, when he, by our letters, shall be required and demanded to do so. Farewell. Given at Rychale, the 5th day of August, in the fourth year of our consecration.

Page 593.

Letters missive to the sheriff of Durham in favour of Elys de Bydyk, who killed Nicholas, son

Richard, by the permission of God, bishop of Durham, to his faithful and well beloved Adam de Boghes, sheriff of Durham, and the other officers of the temporalty, greeting. Forasmuch as we have inspected the charter of peace, which our lord the king has made

of Lambert de Lambeton.

and granted to Elys de Bydyk, tailor, bearer of these letters, on account of the death of Nicholas, son of Lambert de Lambeton; we command you, should the said Elys come within our franchise of Durham, that you do not arrest nor take him at our suit for the said death, between this day and the morrow of the nativity of our Lady next coming; but if there be another who wishes to make suit, permit it in all points, according to the law of the land and the usages of these parts. In witness whereof we have caused these our letters patent, sealed with our privy seal, to be given to the said Elys. Given at Rykhale, the 18th day of August, in the fourth year of our consecration.

Page 598.

Acknowledgment of the receipt of the custody of the castle and county of Norham by Robert de Clyfford.

To all those who shall see or hear these letters, Robert de Clifford, knight, greeting in God. Know ye that I have received the custody of the castle and county of Norham, to keep and guard, under the peril appertaining thereto, to the use of my lord, the honourable father in God, Sir Richard, by the grace of God bishop of Durham, during his pleasure, and to restore it, at his will, to himself or to his attorney bearing his letters patent, together with the armour and the other things and stores contained in the indenture made to the attorneys of the said bishop, by Sir William Rydel; excepting the things which shall be used and spent for the support of the said castle, during the time that I may have the custody thereof; and to do and perform this loyally, I bind myself, my heirs, my lands and tenements, into whose hands soever they pass, to the said bishop. In witness whereof, I have put my seal to this letter. Given at Norham, the eve of the Assumption of our Lady, the fourth year of the consecration of the said bishop.

Page 598.

Memorandum as to the armour etc. in the castle of Norham.

Memorandum that, by command of the king, William Rydel has delivered the castle of Norham, the arms and the victuals therein, to William de Denum and to Robert de Sokepeth, attorneys of the bishop of Durham, bearing his letters patent, on the eve of the Assumption of our Lady, the eighth year of the reign of king Edward, son of king Edward; that is to say, 87 pair of trappes, 9 targets, 88 iron caps, 136 cross-bows, 103 baldrics, 9 pair of cuisses, 19 hacquetons, 20 habergeons, 62 codfish, 2,328 stockfish, 154 pieces of iron, 18 cheeses, 23 tuns of wine, half a tun of rasp', 6 carcases of salt beef, 20 carcases of mutton, 20 qrs. of salt, 50 pigs (and 6 taken by the Scotch), 3 farm cattle, 24 beeves, 8 cloths, 7 coarse cloths, 2 worn-out towels, 8 tankards, 9 pewter pots, 6 brass pots, 9 brass pails, a brass mould for making candles, 3 caldrons, 2 basins, 2 basins for washing, 1 basin hanging in the hall for washing; 2 three-legged stools, 2 barrels of tar, new cord for the engines, 34½ qrs. of wheat, 52 quarters of barley in stack by estimate; 35 qrs. of barley, thrashed, in the lower hall, by estimate; 7 qrs. 3 bolls of barley, in the barn; 129 qrs. of malt in the tower, by estimate; 84 qrs. of oats in the lower hall, by estimate; a vestment, 2 towels, a parcel-gilt chalice, 2 old missals, 40 qrs. of sea-coal. In witness whereof, I, William Rydel, on the one part, and William de Denum and Robert de Sokepeth, attorneys of the bishop of Durham, have set our seals. Written at Norham, the year and day aforesaid.

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These volumes contain summaries of all State Papers and Correspondence relating to the reign of Henry VIII., in the Public Record Office, of those formerly in the State Paper Office, in the British Museum, the Libraries of Oxford and Cambridge, and other Public Libraries; and of all letters that have appeared in print in the works of Burnet, Strype, and others. Whatever authentic original material exists in England relative to the religious, political, parliamentary, or social history of the country during the reign of Henry VIII., whether despatches of ambassadors, or proceedings of the army, navy, treasury, or ordnance, or records of Parliament, appointments of officers, grants from the Crown, &c., will be found calendared in these volumes.

Calendar of State Papers, Foreign Series, of the Reign of Edward VI., preserved in Her Majesty's Public Record Office. 1547–1553. *Edited by* W. B. Turnbull, Esq., of Lincoln's Inn, Barrister-at-Law, and Correspondant du Comité Impérial des Travaux Historiques et des Sociétés Savantes de France. 1861.

Calendar of State Papers, Foreign Series, of the Reign of Mary, preserved in Her Majesty's Public Record Office. 1553–1558. *Edited by* W. B. Turnbull, Esq., of Lincoln's Inn, Barrister-at-Law and

Correspondant du Comité Impérial des Travaux Historiques et des Sociétés Savantes de France. 1861.

The two preceding volumes exhibit the negotiations of the English ambassadors with the courts of the Emperor Charles V. of Germany, of Henry II. of France, and of Philip II. of Spain. The affairs of several of the minor continental states also find various incidental illustrations of much interest.

A valuable series of Papers descriptive of the circumstances which attended the loss of Calais merits a special notice; while the progress of the wars in the north of France, into which England was dragged by her union with Spain, is narrated at some length. The domestic affairs of England are of course passed over in these volumes, which treat only of its relations with foreign powers.

CALENDAR OF STATE PAPERS, FOREIGN SERIES, OF THE REIGN OF ELIZABETH, preserved in Her Majesty's Public Record Office, &c. *Edited by* the Rev. JOSEPH STEVENSON, M.A., of University College, Durham, (Vols. I.-VII.), and ALLAN JAMES CROSBY, Esq., B.A., Barrister-at-Law, (Vol. VIII.). 1863–1871.

Vol. I.—1558–1559.
Vol. II.—1559–1560.
Vol. III.—1560–1561.
Vol. IV.—1561–1562.
Vol. V.—1562.
Vol. VI.—1563.
Vol. VII.—1564–1565.
Vol. VIII.—1566–1568.

These volumes contain a Calendar of the Foreign Correspondence during the early portion of the reign of Queen Elizabeth, deposited in the Public Record Office, &c. They illustrate not only the external but also the domestic affairs of Foreign Countries during that period.

CALENDAR OF TREASURY PAPERS, preserved in Her Majesty's Public Record Office. *Edited by* JOSEPH REDINGTON, Esq. 1868–1871.

Vol. I.—1557–1696.
Vol. II.—1697–1702.

The above Papers connected with the affairs of the Treasury comprise petitions, reports, and other documents relating to services rendered to the State, grants of money and pensions, appointments to offices, remissions of fines and duties, &c. They illustrate civil and military events, finance, the administration in Ireland and the Colonies, &c., and afford information nowhere else recorded.

CALENDAR OF THE CAREW PAPERS, preserved in the Lambeth Library. *Edited by* J. S. BREWER, M.A., Professor of English Literature, King's College, London; and WILLIAM BULLEN, Esq. 1867–1871.

Vol. I.—1515–1574.
Vol. II.—1575–1588
Vol. III.—1589–1600.
Vol. IV.—1601–1603.
Vol. V.—Book of Howth; Miscellaneous.

The Carew Papers relating to Ireland, deposited in the Lambeth Library, are unique, and of great importance. The Calendar cannot fail to be welcome to all students of Irish history. Another volume is in the press.

CALENDAR OF LETTERS, DESPATCHES, AND STATE PAPERS, relating to the Negotiations between England and Spain, preserved in the Archives at Simancas, and elsewhere. *Edited by* G. A. BERGENROTH. 1862–1868.

Vol. I.—Hen. VII.—1485–1509.
Vol. II.—Hen. VIII.—1509–1525
Supplement to Vol. I. and Vol. II.

Mr. Bergenroth was engaged in compiling a Calendar of the Papers relating to England preserved in the archives of Simancas in Spain, and the corresponding portion removed from Simancas to Paris. Mr. Bergenroth also visited Madrid, and examined the Papers there, bearing on the reign of Henry VIII. The first volume contains the Spanish Papers of the reign of Henry VII.; the

second volume, those of the first portion of the reign of Henry VIII. The Supplement contains new information relating to the private life of Queen Katharine of England; and to the projected marriage of Henry VII. with Queen Juana, widow of King Philip of Castile, and mother of the Emperor Charles V.

CALENDAR OF STATE PAPERS AND MANUSCRIPTS, relating to ENGLISH AFFAIRS, preserved in the Archives of Venice, &c. *Edited by* RAWDON BROWN, Esq. 1864–1871.

Vol. I.—1202–1509.
Vol. II.—1509–1519.
Vol. III.—1520–1526.
Vol. IV.—1527–1533.

Mr. Rawdon Brown has published four volumes of his Calendar, extending from 1202 to 1533, and has made considerable progress in the fifth volume. Mr. Brown's researches have brought to light a number of valuable documents relating to the various periods of English history, and his contributions to historical literature are of the most interesting and important character.

SYLLABUS, IN ENGLISH, OF RYMER'S FŒDERA. *By* Sir THOMAS DUFFUS HARDY, D.C.L., Deputy Keeper of the Public Records. Vol. I.—Will. I.–Edw. III.; 1066–1377. Vol. II., Ric. II.–Chas. II.; 1377–1654. 1869–1873.

The "Fœdera," or "Rymer's Fœdera," is a collection of miscellaneous documents illustrative of the History of Great Britain and Ireland, from the Norman Conquest to the reign of Charles II. Several editions of the "Fœdera" have been published, and the present Syllabus was undertaken to make the contents of this great National Work more generally known.

REPORT OF THE DEPUTY KEEPER OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS AND THE REV. J. S. BREWER TO THE MASTER OF THE ROLLS, upon the Carte and Carew Papers in the Bodleian and Lambeth Libraries. 1864. *Price 2s. 6d.*

REPORT OF THE DEPUTY KEEPER OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS TO THE MASTER OF THE ROLLS, upon the Documents in the Archives and Public Libraries of Venice. 1866. *Price 2s. 6d.*

In the Press.

CALENDAR OF STATE PAPERS relating to IRELAND, OF THE REIGN OF ELIZABETH, preserved in Her Majesty's Public Record Office. *Edited by* HANS CLAUDE HAMILTON, Esq., F.S.A. Vol. III.—1586, &c.

CALENDAR OF THE CAREW PAPERS, preserved in the Lambeth Library. *Edited by* J. S. BREWER, M.A., Professor of English Literature, King's College, London; and WILLIAM BULLEN, Esq. Vol. VI.—1603–1624.

CALENDAR OF STATE PAPERS, DOMESTIC SERIES, OF THE REIGN OF CHARLES I., preserved in Her Majesty's Public Record Office. *Edited by* WILLIAM DOUGLAS HAMILTON, Esq., F.S.A. Vol. XIV.—1639.

CALENDAR OF STATE PAPERS AND MANUSCRIPTS relating to ENGLISH AFFAIRS, preserved in the Archives of Venice, &c. *Edited by* RAWDON BROWN, Esq. Vol. V.—1534–1554.

CALENDAR OF LETTERS, DESPATCHES, AND STATE PAPERS, relating to the Negotiations between England and Spain, preserved in the Archives at Simancas, and elsewhere. *Edited by* DON PASCUAL DE GAYANGOS. Hen. VIII.

Calendar of State Papers relating to Ireland, of the Reign of James I., preserved in Her Majesty's Public Record Office, and elsewhere. *Edited by the* Rev. C. W. Russell, D.D., and John P. Prendergast, Esq., Barrister-at-Law. Vol. II.—1606, &c.

Calendar of Letters and Papers, Foreign and Domestic, of the Reign of Henry VIII., preserved in Her Majesty's Public Record Office, the British Museum, &c. *Edited by* J. S. Brewer, M.A., Professor of English Literature, King's College, London. Vol. IV., Part 3.—1529, &c.

Syllabus, in English, of Rymer's Fœdera. *By* Sir Thomas Duffus Hardy, D.C.L., Deputy Keeper of the Public Records. Vol. III.—Appendix and Index.

Calendar of Treasury Papers, preserved in Her Majesty's Public Record Office. *Edited by* Joseph Redington, Esq. Vol. III.—1702–1706.

In Progress.

Calendar of State Papers, Colonial Series, preserved in Her Majesty's Public Record Office, and elsewhere. *Edited by* W. Noel Sainsbury, Esq. Vol. IV.—East Indies, China, and Japan, 1622, &c. Vol. V.—America and West Indies, 1661, &c.

Calendar of State Papers, Foreign Series, of the Reign of Elizabeth, preserved in Her Majesty's Public Record Office. *Edited by* Allan James Crosby, Esq., B.A., Barrister-at-Law. Vol. IX.—1569, &c.

Calendar of State Papers, Domestic Series, during the Commonwealth, preserved in Her Majesty's Public Record Office. *Edited by* Mary Anne Everett Green.

Calendar of State Papers, Domestic Series, of the Reign of George III., &c., preserved in Her Majesty's Public Record Office. *Edited by* Joseph Redington, Esq. (1760–1800), and John Ringwood Atkins, Esq. (1801–1829).

Calendar of Documents relating to Ireland, excerpted from the Records preserved in Her Majesty's Public Record Office; to the end of the Reign of Henry VII. *Edited by* Henry Savage Sweetman, Esq., A.B., Trinity College, Dublin, Barrister-at-Law (Ireland).

THE CHRONICLES AND MEMORIALS OF GREAT BRITAIN AND IRELAND DURING THE MIDDLE AGES.

[Royal 8vo., half-bound. *Price* 10*s.* each Volume or Part.]

On 25 July 1822, the House of Commons presented an address to the Crown, stating that the editions of the works of our ancient historians were inconvenient and defective; that many of their writings still remained in manuscript, and, in some cases, in a single copy only. They added, "that an "uniform and convenient edition of the whole, published under His Majesty's "royal sanction, would be an undertaking honourable to His Majesty's reign, "and conducive to the advancement of historical and constitutional know- "ledge; that the House therefore humbly besought His Majesty, that He "would be graciously pleased to give such directions as His Majesty, in His "wisdom, might think fit, for the publication of a complete edition of the "ancient historians of this realm, and assured His Majesty that whatever "expense might be necessary for this purpose would be made good."

The Master of the Rolls, being very desirous that effect should be given to the resolution of the House of Commons, submitted to Her Majesty's Treasury in 1857 a plan for the publication of the ancient chronicles and memorials of the United Kingdom, and it was adopted accordingly. In selecting these works, it was considered right, in the first instance, to give preference to those of which the manuscripts were unique, or the materials of which would help to fill up blanks in English history for which no satisfactory and authentic information hitherto existed in any accessible form. One great object the Master of the Rolls had in view was to form a *corpus historicum* within reasonable limits, and which should be as complete as possible. In a subject of so vast a range, it was important that the historical student should be able to select such volumes as conformed with his own peculiar tastes and studies, and not be put to the expense of purchasing the whole collection; an inconvenience inseparable from any other plan than that which has been in this instance adopted.

Of the Chronicles and Memorials, the following volumes have been published. They embrace the period from the earliest time of British history down to the end of the reign of Henry VII.

1. The Chronicle of England, by John Capgrave. *Edited by* the Rev. F. C. Hingeston, M.A., of Exeter College, Oxford. 1858.

   Capgrave was prior of Lynn, in Norfolk, and provincial of the order of the Friars Hermits of England shortly before the year 1464. His Chronicle extends from the creation of the world to the year 1417. As a record of the language spoken in Norfolk (being written in English), it is of considerable value.

2. Chronicon Monasterii de Abingdon. Vols. I. and II. *Edited by* the Rev. Joseph Stevenson, M.A., of University College, Durham, and Vicar of Leighton Buzzard. 1858.

   This Chronicle traces the history of the great Benedictine monastery of Abingdon in Berkshire, from its foundation by King Ina of Wessex, to the reign of Richard I., shortly after which period the present narrative was drawn up by an inmate of the establishment. The author had access to the title-deeds of the house; and incorporates into his history various charters of the Saxon kings, of great importance as illustrating not only the history of the locality but that of the kingdom. The work is printed for the first time.

3. Lives of Edward the Confessor. I.—La Estoire de Seint Aedward le Rei. II.—Vita Beati Edvardi Regis et Confessoris. III.—Vita Æduuardi Regis qui apud Westmonasterium requiescit. *Edited by* Henry Richards Luard, M.A., Fellow and Assistant Tutor of Trinity College, Cambridge. 1858.

   The first is a poem in Norman French, containing 4,686 lines, addressed to Alianor, Queen of Henry III., and probably written in the year 1245, on the occasion of the restoration of the church of Westminster. Nothing is known of the author. The second is an anonymous poem, containing 536 lines, written between the years 1440 and 1450, by command of Henry VI., to whom it is dedicated. It does not throw any new light on the reign of Edward the Confessor, but is valuable as a specimen of the Latin poetry of the time. The third, also by an anonymous author, was apparently written for Queen Edith, between the years 1066 and 1074, during the pressure of the suffering brought on the Saxons by the Norman conquest. It notices many facts not found in other writers, and some which differ considerably from the usual accounts.

4. Monumenta Franciscana; scilicet, I.—Thomas de Eccleston de Adventu Fratrum Minorum in Angliam. II.—Adæ de Marisco Epistolæ. III.—Registrum Fratrum Minorum Londoniæ. *Edited by* J. S. Brewer, M.A., Professor of English Literature, King's College, London. 1858.

   This volume contains original materials for the history of the settlement of the order of Saint Francis in England, the letters of Adam de Marisco, and other papers connected with the foundation and diffusion of this great body. It has been the aim of the editor to collect whatever historical information could be found in this country, towards illustrating a period of the national history for which only scanty materials exist. None of these have been before printed.

5. Fasciculi Zizaniorum Magistri Johannis Wyclif cum Tritico. Ascribed to Thomas Netter, of Walden, Provincial of the Carmelite Order in England, and Confessor to King Henry the Fifth. *Edited by* the Rev. W. W. Shirley, M.A., Tutor and late Fellow of Wadham College, Oxford. 1858.

   This work derives its principal value from being the only contemporaneous account of the rise of the Lollards. When written, the disputes of the school-

men had been extended to the field of theology and they appear both in the writings of Wycliff and in those of his adversaries. Wycliff's little bundles of tares are not less metaphysical than theological, and the conflict between Nominalists and Realists rages side by side with the conflict between the different interpreters of Scripture. The work gives a good idea of the controversies at the end of the 14th and the beginning of the 15th centuries.

6. The Buik of the Croniclis of Scotland ; or, A Metrical Version of the History of Hector Boece ; by William Stewart. Vols. I., II., and III. *Edited by* W. B. Turnbull, Esq., of Lincoln's Inn, Barrister-at-Law. 1858.

This is a metrical translation of a Latin Prose Chronicle, and was written in the first half of the 16th century. The narrative begins with the earliest legends, and ends with the death of James I. of Scotland, and the "evil ending of the traitors that slew him." Strict accuracy of statement is not to be looked for in such a work as this ; but the stories of the colonization of Spain, Ireland, and Scotland are interesting if not true ; and the chronicle is valuable as a reflection of the manners, sentiments, and character of the age in which it was composed. The peculiarities of the Scottish dialect are well illustrated in this metrical version, and the student of language will find ample materials for comparison with the English dialects of the same period, and with modern lowland Scotch.

7. Johannis Capgrave Liber de Illustribus Henricis. *Edited by* the Rev. F. C. Hingeston, M.A., of Exeter College, Oxford. 1858.

This work is dedicated to Henry VI. of England, who appears to have been, in the author's estimation, the greatest of all the Henries. It is divided into three distinct parts, each having its own separate dedication. The first part relates only to the history of the Empire, and extends from the election of Henry I., the Fowler, to the end of the reign of the Emperor Henry VI. The second part is devoted to English history, and extends from the accession of Henry I. in the year 1100, to the year 1446, which was the twenty-fourth year of the reign of King Henry VI. The third part contains the lives of illustrious men who have borne the name of Henry in various parts of the world.

Capgrave was born in 1393, in the reign of Richard II., and lived during the Wars of the Roses, for the history of which period his work is of some value.

8. Historia Monasterii S. Augustini Cantuariensis, by Thomas of Elmham, formerly Monk and Treasurer of that Foundation. *Edited by* Charles Hardwick, M.A., Fellow of St. Catharine's Hall, and Christian Advocate in the University of Cambridge. 1858.

This history extends from the arrival of St. Augustine in Kent until 1191. Prefixed is a chronology as far as 1418, which shows in outline what was to have been the character of the work when completed. The only copy known is in the possession of Trinity Hall, Cambridge. The author was connected with Norfolk, and most probably with Elmham, whence he derived his name.

9. Eulogium (Historiarum sive Temporis) : Chronicon ab Orbe condito usque ad Annum Domini 1366 ; a Monacho quodam Malmesbiriensi exaratum. Vols. I., II., and III. *Edited by* F. S. Haydon, Esq., B.A. 1858–1863.

This is a Latin Chronicle extending from the Creation to the latter part of the reign of Edward III., and written by a monk of the Abbey of Malmesbury, in Wiltshire, about the year 1367. A continuation, carrying the history of England down to the year 1413, was added in the former half of the fifteenth century by an author whose name is not known. The original Chronicle is divided into five books, and contains a history of the world generally, but more especially

of England to the year 1366. The continuation extends the history down to the coronation of Henry V. The Eulogium itself is chiefly valuable as containing a history, by a contemporary, of the period between 1356 and 1366. The notices of events appear to have been written very soon after their occurrence. Among other interesting matter, the Chronicle contains a diary of the Poitiers campaign, evidently furnished by some person who accompanied the army of the Black Prince. The continuation of the Chronicle is also the work of a contemporary, and gives a very interesting account of the reigns of Richard II. and Henry IV. It is believed to be the earliest authority for the statement that the latter monarch died in the Jerusalem Chamber at Westminster.

10. Memorials of Henry the Seventh: Bernardi Andreæ Tholosatis Vita Regis Henrici Septimi; necnon alia quædam ad eundem Regem spectantia. *Edited by* James Gairdner, Esq. 1858.

The contents of this volume are—(1) a life of Henry VII., by his poet laureate and historiographer, Bernard André, of Toulouse, with some compositions in verse, of which he is supposed to have been the author; (2) the journals of Roger Machado during certain embassies on which he was sent by Henry VII. to Spain and Brittany, the first of which had reference to the marriage of the King's son, Arthur, with Catharine of Arragon; (3) two curious reports by envoys sent to Spain in the year 1505 touching the succession to the Crown of Castile, and a project of marriage between Henry VII. and the Queen of Naples; and (4) an account of Philip of Castile's reception in England in 1506. Other documents of interest in connexion with the period are given in an appendix.

11. Memorials of Henry the Fifth. I.—Vita Henrici Quinti, Roberto Redmanno auctore. II.—Versus Rhythmici in laudem Regis Henrici Quinti. III.—Elmhami Liber Metricus de Henrico V. *Edited by* Charles A. Cole, Esq. 1858.

This volume contains three treatises which more or less illustrate the history of the reign of Henry V., viz.: A Life by Robert Redman; a Metrical Chronicle by Thomas Elmham, prior of Lenton, a contemporary author; Versus Rhythmici, written apparently by a monk of Westminster Abbey, who was also a contemporary of Henry V. These works are printed for the first time.

12. Munimenta Gildhallæ Londoniensis; Liber Albus, Liber Custumarum, et Liber Horn, in archivis Gildhallæ asservati. Vol. I., Liber Albus. Vol. II. (in Two Parts), Liber Custumarum. Vol. III., Translation of the Anglo-Norman Passages in Liber Albus, Glossaries, Appendices, and Index. *Edited by* Henry Thomas Riley, Esq., M.A., Barrister-at-Law. 1859–1862.

The manuscript of the *Liber Albus*, compiled by John Carpenter, Common Clerk of the City of London in the year 1419, a large folio volume, is preserved in the Record Room of the City of London. It gives an account of the laws, regulations, and institutions of that City in the twelfth, thirteenth, fourteenth, and early part of the fifteenth centuries.

The *Liber Custumarum* was compiled probably by various hands in the early part of the fourteenth century during the reign of Edward II. The manuscript, a folio volume, is also preserved in the Record Room of the City of London, though some portion in its original state, borrowed from the City in the reign of Queen Elizabeth and never returned, forms part of the Cottonian MS. Claudius D. II. in the British Museum. It also gives an account of the laws, regulations, and institutions of the City of London in the twelfth, thirteenth, and early part of the fourteenth centuries.

13. Chronica Johannis de Oxenedes. *Edited by* Sir Henry Ellis, K.H. 1859.

Although this Chronicle tells of the arrival of Hengist and Horsa in England in the year 449, yet it substantially begins with the reign of King Alfred, and

comes down to the year 1292, where it ends abruptly. The history is particularly valuable for notices of events in the eastern portions of the kingdom, which are not to be elsewhere obtained, and some curious facts are mentioned relative to the floods in that part of England, which are confirmed in the Friesland Chronicle of Anthony Heinrich, pastor of the Island of Mohr.

14. A Collection of Political Poems and Songs relating to English History, from the Accession of Edward III. to the Reign of Henry VIII. Vols. I. and II. *Edited by* Thomas Wright, Esq., M.A. 1859–1861.

These Poems are perhaps the most interesting of all the historical writings of the period, though they cannot be relied on for accuracy of statement. They are various in character; some are upon religious subjects, some may be called satires, and some give no more than a court scandal; but as a whole they present a very fair picture of society, and of the relations of the different classes to one another. The period comprised is in itself interesting, and brings us, through the decline of the feudal system, to the beginning of our modern history. The songs in old English are of considerable value to the philologist.

15. The "Opus Tertium," "Opus Minus," &c., of Roger Bacon. *Edited by* J. S. Brewer, M.A., Professor of English Literature, King's College, London. 1859.

This is the celebrated treatise—never before printed—so frequently referred to by the great philosopher in his works. It contains the fullest details we possess of the life and labours of Roger Bacon: also a fragment by the same author, supposed to be unique, the "*Compendium Studii Theologiæ.*"

16. Bartholomæi de Cotton, Monachi Norwicensis, Historia Anglicana; 449–1298: necnon ejusdem Liber de Archiepiscopis et Episcopis Angliæ. *Edited by* Henry Richards Luard, M.A., Fellow and Assistant Tutor of Trinity College, Cambridge. 1859.

The author, a monk of Norwich, has here given us a Chronicle of England from the arrival of the Saxons in 449 to the year 1298, in or about which year it appears that he died. The latter portion of this history (the whole of the reign of Edward I. more especially) is of great value, as the writer was contemporary with the events which he records. An Appendix contains several illustrative documents connected with the previous narrative.

17. Brut y Tywysogion; or, The Chronicle of the Princes of Wales. *Edited by* the Rev. John Williams ab Ithel, M.A. 1860.

This work, also known as "The Chronicle of the Princes of Wales," has been attributed to Caradoc of Llancarvan, who flourished about the middle of the twelfth century. It is written in the ancient Welsh language, begins with the abdication and death of Caedwala at Rome, in the year 681, and continues the history down to the subjugation of Wales by Edward I., about the year 1282.

18. A Collection of Royal and Historical Letters during the Reign of Henry IV. 1399–1404. *Edited by* the Rev. F. C. Hingeston, M.A., of Exeter College, Oxford. 1860.

This volume, like all the others in the series containing a miscellaneous selection of letters, is valuable on account of the light it throws upon biographical history, and the familiar view it presents of characters, manners, and events. The period requires much elucidation; to which it will materially contribute.

19. The Repressor of over much Blaming of the Clergy. By Reginald Pecock, sometime Bishop of Chichester. Vols. I. and II. *Edited by* Churchill Babington, B.D., Fellow of St. John's College, Cambridge. 1860.

The "Repressor" may be considered the earliest piece of good theological disquisition of which our English prose literature can boast. The author was born

about the end of the fourteenth century, consecrated Bishop of St. Asaph in the year 1444, and translated to the see of Chichester in 1450. While Bishop of St. Asaph, he zealously defended his brother prelates from the attacks of those who censured the bishops for their neglect of duty. He maintained that it was no part of a bishop's functions to appear in the pulpit, and that his time might be more profitably spent, and his dignity better maintained, in the performance of works of a higher character. Among those who thought differently were the Lollards, and against their general doctrines the "Repressor" is directed. Pecock took up a position midway between that of the Roman Church and that of the modern Anglican Church; but his work is interesting chiefly because it gives a full account of the views of the Lollards and of the arguments by which they were supported, and because it assists us to ascertain the state of feeling which ultimately led to the Reformation. Apart from religious matters, the light thrown upon contemporaneous history is very small, but the "Repressor" has great value for the philologist, as it tells us what were the characteristics of the language in use among the cultivated Englishmen of the fifteenth century. Pecock, though an opponent of the Lollards, showed a certain spirit of toleration, for which he received, towards the end of his life, the usual mediæval reward—persecution.

20. Annales Cambriæ. *Edited by* the Rev. John Williams ab Ithel, M.A. 1860.

These annals, which are in Latin, commence in the year 447, and come down to the year 1288. The earlier portion appears to be taken from an Irish Chronicle, which was also used by Tigernach, and by the compiler of the Annals of Ulster. During its first century it contains scarcely anything relating to Britain, the earliest direct concurrence with English history is relative to the mission of Augustine. Its notices throughout though brief, are valuable. The annals were probably written at St. Davids, by Blegewryd, Archdeacon of Llandaff, the most learned man in his day in all Cymru.

21. The Works of Giraldus Cambrensis. Vols. I., II., and III. *Edited by* J. S. Brewer, M.A., Professor of English Literature, King's College, London. Vols. V. and VI. *Edited by* the Rev. James F. Dimock, M.A., Rector of Barnburgh, Yorkshire. 1861–1868.

The first three volumes contain the historical works of Gerald du Barry, who lived in the reigns of Henry II., Richard I., and John, and attempted to re-establish the independence of Wales by restoring the see of St. Davids to its ancient primacy. His works are of a very miscellaneous nature, both in prose and verse, and are remarkable chiefly for the racy and original anecdotes which they contain relating to contemporaries. He is the only Welsh writer of any importance who has contributed so much to the mediæval literature of this country, or assumed, in consequence of his nationality, so free and independent a tone. His frequent travels in Italy, in France, in Ireland, and in Wales, gave him opportunities for observation which did not generally fall to the lot of mediæval writers in the twelfth and thirteenth centuries, and of these observations Giraldus has made due use. Only extracts from these treatises have been printed before, and almost all of them are taken from unique manuscripts.

The Topographia Hibernica (in Vol. V.) is the result of Giraldus' two visits to Ireland. The first in the year 1183, the second in 1185–6, when he accompanied Prince John into that country. Curious as this treatise is, Mr. Dimock is of opinion that it ought not to be accepted as sober truthful history, for Giraldus himself states that truth was not his main object, and that he compiled the work for the purpose of sounding the praises of Henry the Second. Elsewhere, however, he declares that he had stated nothing in the Topographia of the truth of which he was not well assured, either by his own eyesight or by the testimony, with all diligence elicited, of the most trustworthy and authentic men in the country; that though he did not put just the same full faith in their reports as in what he had himself seen, yet, as they only related what they had themselves seen, he could not but believe such credible witnesses. A very interesting portion of this treatise is devoted to the animals of Ireland. It shows that he was a very accurate and acute observer, and his descriptions are given in a way that a scientific naturalist of the present day could hardly improve upon. The Expugnatio Hibernica was written about the year 1188, and may be regarded rather

as a great epic than a sober relation of acts occurring in his own days. No one can peruse it without coming to the conclusion that it is rather a poetical fiction than a prosaic truthful history.

Vol. VI. contains the Itinerarium Kambriæ et Descriptio Kambriæ.

22. Letters and Papers illustrative of the Wars of the English in France during the Reign of Henry the Sixth, King of England. Vol. I., and Vol. II. (in Two Parts). *Edited by* the Rev. Joseph Stevenson, M.A., of University College, Durham, and Vicar of Leighton Buzzard. 1861–1864.

The letters and papers contained in these volumes are derived chiefly from originals or contemporary copies extant in the Bibliothèque Impériale, and the Depôt des Archives, in Paris. They illustrate the line of policy adopted by John Duke of Bedford and his successors during their government of Normandy, and such other provinces of France as had been acquired by Henry V. We may here trace, step by step, the gradual declension of the English power, until we are prepared to read of its final overthrow.

23. The Anglo-Saxon Chronicle, according to the several Original Authorities. Vol. I., Original Texts. Vol. II., Translation. *Edited and translated by* Benjamin Thorpe, Esq., Member of the Royal Academy of Sciences at Munich, and of the Society of Netherlandish Literature at Leyden. 1861.

This Chronicle, extending from the earliest history of Britain to the year 1154, is justly the boast of England; for no other nation can produce any history, written in its own vernacular, at all approaching it, either in antiquity, truthfulness, or extent, the historical books of the Bible alone excepted. There are at present six independent manuscripts of the Saxon Chronicle, ending in different years, and written in different parts of the country. In this edition, the text of each manuscript is printed in columns on the same page, so that the student may see at a glance the various changes which occur in orthography, whether arising from locality or age.

24. Letters and Papers illustrative of the Reigns of Richard III. and Henry VII. Vols. I. and II. *Edited by* James Gairdner, Esq. 1861–1863.

The Papers are derived from MSS. in the Public Record Office, the British Museum, and other repositories. The period to which they refer is unusually destitute of chronicles and other sources of historical information, so that the light obtained from these documents is of special importance. The principal contents of the volumes are some diplomatic Papers of Richard III.; correspondence between Henry VII. and Ferdinand and Isabella of Spain; documents relating to Edmund de la Pole, Earl of Suffolk; and a portion of the correspondence of James IV. of Scotland.

25. Letters of Bishop Grosseteste, illustrative of the Social Condition of his Time. *Edited by* Henry Richards Luard, M.A., Fellow and Assistant Tutor of Trinity College, Cambridge. 1861.

The Letters of Robert Grosseteste (131 in number) are here collected from various sources, and a large portion of them is printed for the first time. They range in date from about 1210 to 1253, and relate to various matters connected not only with the political history of England during the reign of Henry III., but with its ecclesiastical condition. They refer especially to the diocese of Lincoln, of which Grosseteste was bishop.

26. Descriptive Catalogue of Manuscripts relating to the History of Great Britain and Ireland. Vol. I. (in Two Parts); Anterior to the Norman Invasion. Vol. II.; 1066–1200. Vol. III.; 1200–1327. *By* Sir Thomas Duffus Hardy, D.C.L., Deputy Keeper of the Public Records. 1862–1871.

The object of this work is to publish notices of all known sources of British history, both printed and unprinted, in one continued sequence. The materials,

when historical (as distinguished from biographical), are arranged under the year in which the latest event is recorded in the chronicle or history, and not under the period in which its author, real or supposed, flourished. Biographies are enumerated under the year in which the person commemorated died, and not under the year in which the life was written. This arrangement has two advantages; the materials for any given period may be seen at a glance; and if the reader knows the time when an author wrote, and the number of years that had elapsed between the date of the events and the time the writer flourished, he will generally be enabled to form a fair estimate of the comparative value of the narrative itself. A brief analysis of each work has been added when deserving it, in which the original portions are distinguished from those which are mere compilations. When possible, the sources are indicated from which such compilations have been derived. A biographical sketch of the author of each piece has been added, and a brief notice has also been given of such British authors as have written on historical subjects.

27. Royal and other Historical Letters illustrative of the Reign of Henry III. Vol. I., 1216–1235. Vol. II., 1236–1272. *Selected and edited by* the Rev. W. W. Shirley, D.D., Regius Professor in Ecclesiastical History, and Canon of Christ Church, Oxford. 1862–1866.

The letters contained in these volumes are derived chiefly from the ancient correspondence formerly in the Tower of London, and now in the Public Record Office. They illustrate the political history of England during the growth of its liberties, and throw considerable light upon the personal history of Simon de Montfort. The affairs of France form the subject of many of them, especially in regard to the province of Gascony. The entire collection consists of nearly 700 documents, the greater portion of which is printed for the first time.

28. Chronica Monasterii S. Albani.—1. Thomæ Walsingham Historia Anglicana; Vol. I., 1272–1381: Vol. II., 1381–1422. 2. Willelmi Rishanger Chronica et Annales, 1259–1307. 3. Johannis de Trokelowe et Henrici de Blaneforde Chronica et Annales, 1259–1296; 1307–1324; 1392–1406. 4. Gesta Abbatum Monasterii S. Albani, a Thoma Walsingham, regnante Ricardo Secundo, ejusdem Ecclesiæ Præcentore, compilata; Vol. I., 793–1290: Vol. II., 1290–1349: Vol. III., 1349–1411. 5. Johannis Amundesham, Monachi Monasterii S. Albani, ut videtur, Annales; Vols. I. and II. 6. Registra quorundam Abbatum Monasterii S. Albani, qui sæculo xv^mo^ floruere; Vol. I., Registrum Abbatiæ Johannis Whethamstede, Abbatis Monasterii Sancti Albani, iterum susceptæ; Roberto Blakeney, Capellano, quondam adscriptum. *Edited by* Henry Thomas Riley, Esq., M.A., Cambridge and Oxford; and of the Inner Temple, Barrister-at-Law. 1863–1872.

In the first two volumes is a history of England, from the death of Henry III. to the death of Henry V., written by Thomas Walsingham, Precentor of St. Albans and prior of the cell of Wymundham, belonging to that abbey. It is printed from MS. VII. in the Arundel Collection in the College of Arms, London, a manuscript of the fifteenth century, collated with MS. 13 E. IX. in the King's Library in the British Museum, and MS. VII. in the Parker Collection of Manuscripts at Corpus Christi College, Cambridge.

In the third volume is a Chronicle of English History, attributed to William Rishanger, monk of Saint Albans, who lived in the reign of Edward I., printed from the Cottonian Manuscript, Faustina B. IX. (of the fourteenth century) in the British Museum, collated with MS. 14 C. VII. (fols. 219–231) in the King's Library, British Museum, and the Cottonian Manuscript, Claudius E. III., fols. 306–331: Also an account of transactions attending the award of the kingdom of Scotland to John Balliol by Edward I., 1291–1292, from MS. Cotton. Claudius D. VI., attributed to William Rishanger above mentioned, but on no sufficient ground: A short Chronicle of English History from 1292 to 1300, by an unknown hand, from MS. Cotton. Claudius D. VI.:

A short Chronicle from 1297 to 1307, Willelmi Rishanger Gesta Edwardi Primi Regis Angliæ, from MS. 14 C. I. in the Royal Library, and MS. Cotton. Claudius D. VI., with an addition of Annales Regum Angliæ, probably by the same hand: A fragment of a Chronicle of English History, 1299, 1300, from MS. Cotton. Claudius D. VI.: A fragment of a Chronicle of English History, 1295 to 1300, from MS. Cotton. Claudius D. VI.: and a fragment of a Chronicle of English History, 1285 to 1307, from MS. 14 C. I. in the Royal Library.

In the fourth volume is a Chronicle of English History, by an anonymous writer, 1259 to 1296, from MS. Cotton. Claudius D. VI.: Annals of Edward II., 1307 to 1323, by John de Trokelowe a monk of St. Albans, from MS. Cotton. Claudius D. VI.: A continuation of Trokelowe's Annals, 1323, 1324, by Henricus de Blaneforde, from MS. Cotton. Claudius D. VI.: A full Chronicle of English History, by an anonymous writer of St. Albans, 1392 to 1406, from MS. VII. in the Library of Corpus Christi College, Cambridge; and an account of the benefactors of St. Albans, written in the early part of the fifteenth century, from MS. VI. in the same Library.

The fifth, sixth, and seventh volumes contain a history of the Abbots of St. Albans, and of the fortunes and vicissitudes of the house, from 793 to 1411, mainly compiled by Thomas Walsingham, Precentor of the Abbey in the reign of Richard II.; from MS. Cotton. Claudius E. IV., in the British Museum; with a Continuation, from the closing pages of the Parker MS. No. VII., in the Library of Corpus Christi College, Cambridge.

The eighth and ninth volumes, in continuation of the Annals, contain a Chronicle, probably written by John Amundesham, a monk of St. Albans.

The tenth volume relates especially to the acts and proceedings of Abbot Whethamstede, and may be considered as a memorial of the chief historical and domestic events occurring during the first ten years of his second abbacy. The Register was in all probability compiled between 1465 and 1476.

29. Chronicon Abbatiæ Eveshamensis, Auctoribus Dominico Priore Eveshamiæ et Thoma de Marleberge Abbate, a Fundatione ad Annum 1213, una cum Continuatione ad Annum 1418. *Edited by* the Rev. W. D. Macray, M.A., Bodleian Library, Oxford. 1863.

The Chronicle of Evesham illustrates the history of that important monastery from its foundation by Egwin, about 690, to the year 1418. Its chief feature is an autobiography, which makes us acquainted with the inner daily life of a great abbey, such as but rarely has been recorded. Interspersed are many notices of general, personal, and local history which will be read with much interest. This work exists in a single MS., and is for the first time printed.

30. Ricardi de Cirencestria Speculum Historiale de Gestis Regum Angliæ. Vol. I., 447–871. Vol. II., 872–1066. *Edited by* John E. B. Mayor, M.A., Fellow of St. John's College, Cambridge. 1863–1869.

The compiler, Richard of Cirencester, was a monk of Westminster, 1355–1400. In 1391 he obtained a licence to make a pilgrimage to Rome. His history, in four books, extends from 447 to 1066. He announces his intention of continuing it, but there is no evidence that he completed any more. This chronicle gives many charters in favour of Westminster Abbey, and a very full account of the lives and miracles of the saints, especially of Edward the Confessor, whose reign occupies the fourth book. A treatise on the Coronation, by William of Sudbury, a monk of Westminster, fills book iii. c. 3. It was on this author that C. J. Bertram fathered his forgery, *De Situ Brittaniæ*, in 1747.

31. Year Books of the Reign of Edward the First. Years 20–21, 30–31, and 32–33. *Edited and translated by* Alfred John Horwood, Esq., of the Middle Temple, Barrister-at-Law. 1863–1866.

The volumes known as the "Year Books" contain reports in Norman-French of cases argued and decided in the Courts of Common Law. They may be considered to a great extent as the "lex non scripta" of England, and have been held in the highest veneration by the ancient sages of the law, and were received by them as the repositories of the first recorded judgments and dicta of the great

legal luminaries of past ages. They are also worthy of the attention of the general reader on account of the historical information and the notices of public and private persons which they contain, as well as the light which they throw on ancient manners and customs.

32. Narratives of the Expulsion of the English from Normandy, 1449–1450.—Robertus Blondelli de Reductione Normanniæ: Le Recouvrement de Normendie, par Berry, Hérault du Roy: Conferences between the Ambassadors of France and England. *Edited, from MSS. in the Imperial Library at Paris, by* the Rev. Joseph Stevenson, M.A., of University College, Durham. 1863.

This volume contains the narrative of an eye-witness who details with considerable power and minuteness the circumstances which attended the final expulsion of the English from Normandy in the year 1450. The history commences with the infringement of the truce by the capture of Fougères, and ends with the battle of Formigny and the embarkation of the Duke of Somerset. The whole period embraced is less than two years.

33. Historia et Cartularium Monasterii S. Petri Gloucestriæ. Vols. I., II., and III. *Edited by* W. H. Hart, Esq., F.S.A., Membre correspondant de la Société des Antiquaires de Normandie. 1863–1867.

This work consists of two parts, the History and the Cartulary of the Monastery of St. Peter, Gloucester. The history furnishes an account of the monastery from its foundation, in the year 681, to the early part of the reign of Richard II., together with a calendar of donations and benefactions. It treats principally of the affairs of the monastery, but occasionally matters of general history are introduced. Its authorship has generally been assigned to Walter Froucester, the twentieth abbot, but without any foundation.

34. Alexandri Neckam de Naturis Rerum libri duo; with Neckam's Poem, De Laudibus Divinæ Sapientiæ. *Edited by* Thomas Wright, Esq., M.A. 1863.

Neckam was a man who devoted himself to science, such as it was in the twelfth century. In the "De Naturis Rerum" are to be found what may be called the rudiments of many sciences mixed up with much error and ignorance. Neckam was not thought infallible, even by his contemporaries, for Roger Bacon remarks of him, "this Alexander in many things wrote what was true and useful; "but he neither can nor ought by just title to be reckoned among authorities." Neckam, however, had sufficient independence of thought to differ from some of the schoolmen who in his time considered themselves the only judges of literature. He had his own views in morals, and in giving us a glimpse of them, as well as of his other opinions, he throws much light upon the manners, customs, and general tone of thought prevalent in the twelfth century. The poem entitled "De Laudibus Divinæ Sapientiæ" appears to be a metrical paraphrase or abridgment of the "De Naturis Rerum." It is written in the elegiac metre; and though there are many lines which violate classical rules, it is, as a whole, above the ordinary standard of mediæval Latin.

35. Leechdoms, Wortcunning, and Starcraft of Early England; being a Collection of Documents illustrating the History of Science in this Country before the Norman Conquest. Vols. I., II., and III. *Collected and edited by* the Rev. T. Oswald Cockayne, M.A., of St. John's College, Cambridge. 1864–1866.

This work illustrates not only the history of science, but the history of superstition. In addition to the information bearing directly upon the medical skill and medical faith of the times, there are many passages which incidentally throw light upon the general mode of life and ordinary diet. The volumes are interesting not only in their scientific, but also in their social aspect. The manuscripts from which they have been printed are valuable to the Anglo-Saxon scholar for the illustrations they afford of Anglo-Saxon orthography.

36. Annales Monastici. Vol. I. :—Annales de Margan, 1066–1232 ; Annales de Theokesberia, 1066–1263 ; Annales de Burton, 1004–1263. Vol. II. :—Annales Monasterii de Wintonia, 519–1277; Annales Monasterii de Waverleia, 1–1291. Vol. III. :—Annales Prioratus de Dunstaplia, 1–1297 ; Annales Monasterii de Bermundeseia, 1042–1432. Vol. IV. :—Annales Monasterii de Oseneia, 1016–1347; Chronicon vulgo dictum Chronicon Thomæ Wykes, 1066–1289 ; Annales Prioratus de Wigornia, 1–1377. Vol. V. :—Index and Glossary. *Edited by* Henry Richards Luard, M.A., Fellow and Assistant Tutor of Trinity College, and Registrary of the University, Cambridge. 1864–1869.

The present collection of Monastic Annals embraces all the more important chronicles compiled in religious houses in England during the thirteenth century. These distinct works are ten in number. The extreme period which they embrace ranges from the year 1 to 1432, although they refer more especially to the reigns of John, Henry III., and Edward I. Some of these narratives have already appeared in print, but others are printed for the first time.

37. Magna Vita S. Hugonis Episcopi Lincolniensis. From Manuscripts in the Bodleian Library, Oxford, and the Imperial Library, Paris. *Edited by* the Rev. James F. Dimock, M.A., Rector of Barnburgh, Yorkshire. 1864.

This work contains a number of very curious and interesting incidents, and, being the work of a contemporary, is very valuable, not only as a truthful biography of a celebrated ecclesiastic, but as the work of a man, who, from personal knowledge, gives notices of passing events, as well as of individuals who were then taking active part in public affairs. The author, in all probability, was Adam Abbot of Evesham. He was domestic chaplain and private confessor of Bishop Hugh, and in these capacities was admitted to the closest intimacy. Bishop Hugh was Prior of Witham for 11 years before he became Bishop of Lincoln. His consecration took place on the 21st September 1186 ; he died on the 16th of November 1200 ; and was canonized in 1220.

38. Chronicles and Memorials of the Reign of Richard the First. Vol. I. :—Itinerarium Peregrinorum et Gesta Regis Ricardi. Vol. II. :—Epistolæ Cantuarienses ; the Letters of the Prior and Convent of Christ Church, Canterbury ; 1187 to 1199. *Edited by* William Stubbs, M.A., Vicar of Navestock, Essex, and Lambeth Librarian. 1864–1865.

The authorship of the Chronicle in Vol. I., hitherto ascribed to Geoffrey Vinesauf, is now more correctly ascribed to Richard, Canon of the Holy Trinity of London. The narrative extends from 1187 to 1199; but its chief interest consists in the minute and authentic narrative which it furnishes of the exploits of Richard I., from his departure from England in December 1189 to his death in 1199. The author states in his prologue that he was an eye-witness of much that he records ; and various incidental circumstances which occur in the course of the narrative confirm this assertion.

The letters in Vol. II., written between 1187 and 1199, are of value as furnishing authentic materials for the history of the ecclesiastical condition of England during the reign of Richard I. They had their origin in a dispute which arose from the attempts of Baldwin and Hubert, archbishops of Canterbury, to found a college of secular canons, a project which gave great umbrage to the monks of Canterbury, who saw in it a design to supplant them in their function of metropolitan chapter. These letters are printed, for the first time, from a MS. belonging to the archiepiscopal library at Lambeth.

39. Recueil des Croniques et anchiennes Istories de la Grant Bretaigne a present nomme Engleterre, par Jehan de Waurin. Vol. I.,

Albina to 688. Vol. II., 1399–1422. *Edited by* WILLIAM HARDY, Esq., F.S.A. 1864–1868.

40. A COLLECTION OF THE CHRONICLES AND ANCIENT HISTORIES OF GREAT BRITAIN, NOW CALLED ENGLAND, by JOHN DE WAVRIN. Albina to 688. (Translation of the preceding Vol. I.) *Edited and translated by* WILLIAM HARDY, Esq., F.S.A. 1864.

This curious chronicle extends from the fabulous period of history down to the return of Edward IV. to England in the year 1471, after the second deposition of Henry VI. The manuscript from which the text of the work is taken is preserved in the Imperial Library at Paris, and is believed to be the only complete and nearly contemporary copy in existence. The work, as originally bound, was comprised in six volumes, since rebound in morocco in 12 volumes, folio maximo, vellum, and is illustrated with exquisite miniatures, vignettes, and initial letters. It was written towards the end of the fifteenth century, having been expressly executed for Louis de Bruges, Seigneur de la Gruthuyse and Earl of Winchester, from whose cabinet it passed into the library of Louis XII. at Blois.

41. POLYCHRONICON RANULPHI HIGDEN, with Trevisa's Translation. Vols. I. and II. *Edited by* CHURCHILL BABINGTON, B.D., Senior Fellow of St. John's College, Cambridge. Vols. III. and IV. *Edited by* the Rev. JOSEPH RAWSON LUMBY, M.A., late Fellow of Magdalene College, Cambridge. 1865–1872.

This is one of the many mediæval chronicles which assume the character of a history of the world. It begins with the creation, and is brought down to the author's own time, the reign of Edward III. Prefixed to the historical portion, is a chapter devoted to geography, in which is given a description of every known land. To say that the Polychronicon was written in the fourteenth century is to say that it is not free from inaccuracies. It has, however, a value apart from its intrinsic merits. It enables us to form a very fair estimate of the knowledge of history and geography which well-informed readers of the fourteenth and fifteenth centuries possessed, for it was then the standard work on general history.

The two English translations, which are printed with the original Latin, afford interesting illustrations of the gradual change of our language, for one was made in the fourteenth century, the other in the fifteenth. The differences between Trevisa's version and that of the unknown writer are often considerable.

42. LE LIVERE DE REIS DE BRITTANIE E LE LIVERE DE REIS DE ENGLETERE. *Edited by* JOHN GLOVER, M.A., Vicar of Brading, Isle of Wight, formerly Librarian of Trinity College, Cambridge. 1865.

These two treatises, though they cannot rank as independent narratives, are nevertheless valuable as careful abstracts of previous historians, especially "Le Livere de Reis de Engletere." Some various readings are given which are interesting to the philologist as instances of semi-Saxonized French.

It is supposed that Peter of Ickham must have been the author, but no certain conclusion on that point has been arrived at.

43. CHRONICA MONASTERII DE MELSA, AB ANNO 1150 USQUE AD ANNUM 1406. Vols. I., II., and III. *Edited by* EDWARD AUGUSTUS BOND, Esq., Assistant Keeper of the Manuscripts, and Egerton Librarian, British Museum. 1866–1868.

The Abbey of Meaux was a Cistercian house, and the work of its abbot is both curious and valuable. It is a faithful and often minute record of the establishment of a religious community, of its progress in forming an ample revenue, of its struggles to maintain its acquisitions, and of its relations to the governing institutions of the country. In addition to the private affairs of the monastery, some light is thrown upon the public events of the time, which are however kept distinct, and appear at the end of the history of each abbot's administration. The text has been printed from what is said to be the autograph of the original compiler, Thomas de Burton, the nineteenth abbot.

44. Matthæi Parisiensis Historia Anglorum, sive, ut vulgo dicitur, Historia Minor. Vols. I., II., and III. 1067–1253. *Edited by* Sir Frederic Madden, K.H., Keeper of the Department of Manuscripts, British Museum. 1866–1869.

The exact date at which this work was written is, according to the chronicler, 1250. The history is of considerable value as an illustration of the period during which the author lived, and contains a good summary of the events which followed the Conquest. This minor chronicle is, however, based on another work (also written by Matthew Paris) giving fuller details, which has been called the "Historia Major." The chronicle here published, nevertheless, gives some information not to be found in the greater history.

45. Liber Monasterii de Hyda: a Chronicle and Chartulary of Hyde Abbey, Winchester, 455–1023. *Edited, from a Manuscript in the Library of the Earl of Macclesfield, by* Edward Edwards, Esq. 1866.

The "Book of Hyde" is a compilation from much earlier sources, which are usually indicated with considerable care and precision. In many cases, however, the Hyde chronicler appears to correct, to qualify, or to amplify—either from tradition or from sources of information not now discoverable—the statements, which, in substance, he adopts. He also mentions, and frequently quotes from writers whose works are either entirely lost or at present known only by fragments. There is to be found, in the "Book of Hyde," much information relating to the reign of King Alfred which is not known to exist elsewhere. The volume contains some curious specimens of Anglo-Saxon and Mediæval English.

46. Chronicon Scotorum: a Chronicle of Irish Affairs, from the Earliest Times to 1135; with a Supplement, containing the Events from 1141 to 1150. *Edited, with a Translation, by* William Maunsell Hennessy, Esq., M.R.I.A. 1866.

There is, in this volume, a legendary account of the peopling of Ireland and of the adventures which befell the various heroes who are said to have been connected with Irish history. The details are, however, very meagre both for this period and for the time when history becomes more authentic. The plan adopted in the chronicle gives the appearance of an accuracy to which the earlier portions of the work cannot have any claim. The succession of events is marked, year by year, from A.M. 1599 to A.D. 1150. The principal events narrated in the later portion of the work are, the invasions of foreigners, and the wars of the Irish among themselves. The text has been printed from a MS. preserved in the library of Trinity College, Dublin, written partly in Latin, partly in Irish.

47. The Chronicle of Pierre de Langtoft, in French Verse, from the earliest Period to the Death of Edward I. Vols. I. and II. *Edited by* Thomas Wright, Esq., M.A. 1866–1868.

It is probable that Pierre de Langtoft was a canon of Bridlington, in Yorkshire, and that he lived in the reign of Edward I., and during a portion of the reign of Edward II. This chronicle is divided into three parts; in the first is an abridgment of Geoffrey of Monmouth's "Historia Britonum," in the second, a history of the Anglo-Saxon and Norman kings, down to the death of Henry III., and in the third a history of the reign of Edward I. The principal object of the work was apparently to show the justice of Edward's Scottish wars. The language is singularly corrupt, and a curious specimen of the French of Yorkshire.

48. The War of the Gaedhil with the Gaill, or, The Invasions of Ireland by the Danes and other Norsemen. *Edited, with a Translation, by* James Henthorn Todd, D.D., Senior Fellow of Trinity College, and Regius Professor of Hebrew in the University, Dublin. 1867.

The work in its present form, in the editor's opinion, is a comparatively modern version of an undoubtedly ancient original. That it was compiled from contemporary materials has been proved by curious incidental evidence. It is stated in

the account given of the battle of Clontarf that the full tide in Dublin Bay on the day of the battle (23 April 1014) coincided with sunrise; and that the returning tide in the evening aided considerably in the defeat of the Danes. The fact has been verified by astronomical calculations, and the inference is that the author of the chronicle, if not himself an eye-witness, must have derived his information from those who were eye-witnesses. The contents of the work are sufficiently described in its title. The story is told after the manner of the Scandinavian Sagas, with poems and fragments of poems introduced into the prose narrative.

49. Gesta Regis Henrici Secundi Benedicti Abbatis. The Chronicle of the Reigns of Henry II. and Richard I., 1169–1192; known under the name of Benedict of Peterborough. Vols. I. and II. *Edited by* William Stubbs, M.A., Regius Professor of Modern History, Oxford, and Lambeth Librarian. 1867.

This chronicle of the reigns of Henry II. and Richard I., known commonly under the name of Benedict of Peterborough, is one of the best existing specimens of a class of historical compositions of the first importance to the student.

50. Munimenta Academica, or, Documents illustrative of Academical Life and Studies at Oxford (in Two Parts). *Edited by* the Rev. Henry Anstey, M.A., Vicar of St. Wendron, Cornwall, and lately Vice-Principal of St. Mary Hall, Oxford. 1868.

This work will supply materials for a History of Academical Life and Studies in the University of Oxford during the 13th, 14th, and 15th centuries.

51. Chronica Magistri Rogeri de Houedene. Vols. I., II., III., and IV. *Edited by* William Stubbs, M.A., Regius Professor of Modern History, and Fellow of Oriel College, Oxford. 1868–1871.

This work has long been justly celebrated, but not thoroughly understood until Mr. Stubbs' edition. The earlier portion, extending from 732 to 1148, appears to be a copy of a compilation made in Northumbria about 1161, to which Hoveden added little. From 1148 to 1169—a very valuable portion of this work—the matter is derived from another source, to which Hoveden appears to have supplied little, and not always judiciously. From 1170 to 1192 is the portion which corresponds with the Chronicle known under the name of Benedict of Peterborough (*see* No. 49); but it is not a copy, being sometimes an abridgment, at others a paraphrase; occasionally the two works entirely agree; showing that both writers had access to the same materials, but dealt with them differently. From 1192 to 1201 may be said to be wholly Hoveden's work; it is extremely valuable, and an authority of the first importance.

52. Willelmi Malmesbiriensis Monachi de Gestis Pontificum Anglorum Libri Quinque. *Edited, from William of Malmesbury's Autograph MS., by* N. E. S. A. Hamilton, Esq., of the Department of Manuscripts, British Museum. 1870.

William of Malmesbury's "Gesta Pontificum" is the principal foundation of English Ecclesiastical Biography, down to the year 1122. The manuscript which has been followed in this Edition is supposed by Mr. Hamilton to be the author's autograph, containing his latest additions and amendments.

53. Historic and Municipal Documents of Ireland, from the Archives of the City of Dublin, &c. 1172–1320. *Edited by* John T. Gilbert, Esq., F.S.A., Secretary of the Public Record Office of Ireland. 1870.

A collection of original documents, elucidating mainly the history and condition of the municipal, middle, and trading classes under or in relation with the rule of England in Ireland,—a subject hitherto in almost total obscurity. Extending over the first hundred and fifty years of the Anglo-Norman settlement, the series includes charters, municipal laws and regulations, rolls of names of citizens and members of merchant-guilds, lists of commodities with their rates, correspondence, illustrations of relations between ecclesiastics and laity; together with many documents exhibiting the state of Ireland during the presence there of the Scots under Robert and Edward Bruce.

54. The Annals of Loch Cé. A Chronicle of Irish Affairs, from 1014 to 1590. Vols. I. and II. *Edited, with a Translation, by* William Maunsell Hennessy, Esq., M.R.I.A. 1871.

The original of this chronicle has passed under various names. The title of "Annals of Loch Cé" was given to it by Professor O'Curry, on the ground that it was transcribed for Brian Mac Dermot, an Irish chieftain, who resided on an island in Loch Cé, in the county of Roscommon. It adds much to the materials for the civil and ecclesiastical history of Ireland; and contains many curious references to English and foreign affairs, not noticed in any other chronicle.

55. Monumenta Juridica. The Black Book of the Admiralty, with an Appendix. Vol. I. *Edited by* Sir Travers Twiss, Q.C., D.C.L., Her Majesty's Advocate-General. 1871.

This book contains the ancient ordinances and laws relating to the navy and was probably compiled for the use of the Lord High Admiral of England. Selden calls it the "jewel of the Admiralty Records." Prynne ascribes to the Black Book the same authority in the Admiralty as the Black and Red Books have in the Court of Exchequer, and most English writers on maritime law recognize its importance.

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